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MOSES BROWN SCHOOL
PROVIDENCE, R. I.
L. RALSTON THOMAS, HEADMASTER

To the Committee in Charge of Moses Brown School:

On Sixth Month 6 the second section of the Class of 1945 was graduated. Twenty-six boys received diplomas at that time, making the total graduates for the year, including the Second Month group, forty-six.

Reverend Everett C. Herrick of Andover Newton Theological Seminary gave the Baccalaureate Address, and Dr. John C. Schroeder, Master of Calhoun College, Yale University, was the Commencement Speaker.

Two weeks later the Summer School began. By design this group was kept as small as possible and all the boys completed their half year's work successfully. Of the twelve who took the course, eleven are now in School in their second semester. One boy who was here for the summer session only will enter college this fall. There will be no summer session in 1946. The program has served a most useful purpose. A considerable number of boys were able to graduate from school and complete their preparation for college before being called into the Service. Practically all candidates who took the summer work entered college for shorter or longer periods. As these young men return from the Service they find their work in order and they can therefore fit into their college courses with a minimum of lost time.

The boys who will complete their courses at Moses Brown in Second Month of this academic year will not have formal Commencement Exercises. Having completed the requirements

for graduation, they will be able to enter college. If they can return for the formal Commencement Exercises of the Class of 1946 in Sixth Month, they will do so. Otherwise the diplomas will be awarded in absentia. These students will be permitted to participate in all the usual closing activities and will have the privilege of sharing in the prizes and awards available to all members of the Class. We are, therefore, going back again to our normal calendar.

During these war years the schools, in common with all institutions, have faced many serious problems, but with all the inevitable changes, with the modifications in schedules, and the problem of providing adequate teaching staff, Moses Brown has succeeded surprisingly well in maintaining its educational program. It has not been done perfectly. Some of our teaching has not been and is not yet up to standard, but we have been fortunate, and we are thankful for the understanding and cooperation of Committee, staff, students, and parents. The period of readjustment which we are now facing will not be easy. The men who have been on leave of absence in the Service and in Civilian Public Service will be returning to take up their regular work again. They will add strength to the staff not only in the classroom but in every phase of the School's activities. During this year, however, a number of temporary arrangements will have to be made to use their abilities to the best advantage and at the same time to fulfill our obligations to those who are on the staff under temporary appointment.

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School opened Ninth Month nineteenth for its one hundred twenty-seventh year with the largest enrollment since the depression, and one of the largest in its history. There is a total of 393 boys. In the Upper School there are 223, of whom 70 are in residence and 153 in the day department. In the Lower School there are 170, of whom 19 are in residence. All grades are at capacity throughout the School excepting the Pre-Primary (in which there are eight little boys) and the Second Grade (which has an enrollment of sixteen).

The Lower School teaching staff is complete. Miss Dorothy Davis, who was studying at Columbia University last year, returned to take charge of the Third Intermediate (Sixth) Grade. She is a competent and experienced teacher and will add strength to that department. There are three new assistants. Miss Dorothea Conkey, graduate of Lake Erie College, is an assistant in the Intermediate Grades. Mrs. George Bachman, an experienced teacher who lives near the School, has accepted a Primary assistship. Miss Helen B. Puffer, whose sister Olive was at one time an assistant in the Pre-Primary and First Grade, has been appointed to that position. Miss Lillian A. Doran is the Lower School office assistant.

In the Upper School two resignations just before the opening of School (one because of a serious operation, the second because of the termination of a duration contract) necessitated temporary substitutions which are working out very well. Mrs. Helen J. Paxton, wife of the head of the

English Department and herself an experienced English teacher, took over a full program of English which she is willing to carry for a few weeks until Basil G. Meserve returns. Mrs. Eleanore B. Monahon, wife of the Librarian of the Rhode Island Historical Society and a newcomer to Providence, is teaching Biology and General Science. She also is an experienced teacher and it is hoped that she will be able to continue this work until a permanent appointment can be made.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Hutton, who have resided in and had the care of the senior dormitory, are now living in a home which they were fortunate enough to rent on the East Side.

There are fewer men in charge of dormitories than we should like, but this situation will improve as the year goes along.

The office and housekeeping staffs have remained intact with one exception. Mrs. R. Gordon Judd, who has been an office assistant, resigned last week as her husband, after being in Service abroad, has now returned to Rhode Island.

Service remains a problem. There are not sufficient maids, and by and large some of those who have accepted jobs are not as competent as we should like.

I regret to inform the Committee that Joseph E. Sargent, our engineer who has been superintendent of grounds and buildings for thirty-seven years, has been seriously ill. He has been in poor health for some time and last spring looked very badly. On his return from a holiday this summer he seemed

much better, but three weeks ago he took to his bed with an acute illness. He is better and is now able to sit up for short periods, but the doctors have told him in effect that he will not be able to work again. Mr. Sargent was sixty-five this year, and was entitled to retire. His work in recent years has been largely supervisory and although the question of retirement had been discussed with him, it seemed proper to permit him to continue for a time. As soon as it became evident that he would not be able to resume his duties, Mrs. Sargent was informed that I would recommend to the Committee a year's sick leave for Mr. Sargent at his present salary, that they might continue to live where they are now until the end of the present fiscal year (that is, Seventh Month 1, 1946), and that after that time a small pension would be available. This matter was discussed with the chairman of the Executive Committee, but it seemed desirable to take up the matter at once with the Sargents to relieve their anxiety and to improve Mr. Sargent's chances of recovery.

Joseph E. Sargent has been a pillar of strength in this School for more than a third of a century. He has been on duty quite literally twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, twelve months a year. Over most of his period of service his active working day was frequently twelve to fifteen hours. His whole life was bound up with his work to the exclusion of almost every other interest. It has been practically impossible to persuade him to take adequate holidays. He has had unusual skill as an engineer and those who have had acquaintance

with our power plant equipment, from boiler inspectors to contractors, have been loud in their praise of the condition of the equipment and have marveled that he has been able to keep our antiquated machines functioning so effectively. He is a lover of all growing things and the beauty of the grounds testifies to his skill with trees and shrubs and gardens. It is not possible to exaggerate the important part he has played in the well being of Moses Brown School.

The Headmaster recommends to the Committee that Joseph E. Sargent be given a sick leave at full salary, with permission to occupy the superintendent's house until the end of the present fiscal year (Seventh Month 1, 1946), and that he be given from that date an annual pension of approximately 38% (1% for each year of service) of his present cash salary.

Wilfred H. Goffe has taken over Mr. Sargent's work. He has been at Moses Brown School for nine years as a general maintenance man. Mr. Goffe is a licensed engineer and electrician and a good mechanic; he should make a competent superintendent.

The most important summer job has been the shift to purchased power from the Narragansett Electric Company. The actual shiftover was made early in Seventh Month. The work has gone ahead steadily and although it will not be completed for another three weeks, all changes necessary for the opening of School had been made by the opening date. The current is

being brought underground from Alumni Avenue to Middle House. A large transformer vault has been built underground just north of the north entrance; new main feed lines have been installed from this point to the distribution boxes in various parts of the building, and switch equipment and motors installed. Practically all of the equipment has been secured and installed. The ventilating fans are not yet operating, wiring in the barn, Lower School Gymnasium, and Power House has not been finished, but temporary connections have been installed. Excepting for the change from overhead wires to underground conduits from Alumni Avenue to the main building and the increased cost of building the vault due to excessive rock, we appear to be within the original estimate. As a part of this general program substantial changes were made in the Power House itself. The steam mains have been redesigned for greater efficiency and the boilers are now operating at low pressure. A new dual vacuum and water feed pump has been on order for a long time. This has not yet arrived but should be here before the cold weather. This changeover has been made in the nick of time. It is no longer necessary for us to have an engineer on duty and the men who are firing the boilers are able to do considerable other work.

The engine room itself has been dismantled, the old engines and generators which had long outlived their usefulness have been sold as scrap, and we hope to dispose of the Diesel as soon as we can find a buyer. The engine room will be used

as a Music Room for Orchestra, Glee Club, and Music Appreciation classes of the Upper School. It has required considerable making over. The apparently simple job of removing the foundations of the three engines proved to be time consuming and expensive. The room is being painted, a new floor will be laid, and a used but good grand piano has been secured. This should make a most satisfactory room for the purpose. It will eliminate the need for constantly shifting these groups and will put them far enough from classrooms so that rehearsals will not disturb others.

During the summer also the following work was done. The superintendent's house and the trim of the Lower School building have been painted. An imitation brick siding has been put in place of the clapboards on a section of the north wing of the Upper School. Belmont has been painted, using a lighter and much more attractive color scheme, and base plugs have been installed in all the Belmont rooms. The Infirmary has been painted throughout. The flat occupied by Warren Howe and his family is being redecorated. Twelve dorma beds have been purchased, continuing the program begun last year to provide all the students with good beds. Six new art desks, twelve posture chairs, and thirty-six professional drawing boards have been added to the Studio equipment.

A new cyclorama has been purchased for the stage and this, with new border lights and other equipment purchased by the Proscenium Club will substantially improve the stage equipment.

Combination locks have been purchased and will be

installed on all gymnasium lockers.

The coal pile has been built up to 700 tons by the addition of 450 tons purchased during the summer. This should very nearly meet our year's needs.

There have been substantial increases in cost, both of materials and labor. Our service this year on the grounds and in the building has had to be engaged at higher rates. We are now paying seventy cents an hour for common labor on the grounds and the rate for semi-skilled work runs up to ninety cents an hour, depending on the nature of the work. This condition is likely to continue.

No formal recommendation on the pension system is yet ready. The more one investigates this situation the clearer it seems that the School would do well to include in its annual budget whatever sums are available between $2500 and $5000 to add to the Pension Fund, to continue, so far as practicable, to pay pensions from the income from this fund and from current funds in order to build up as large a fund as possible. From this the School should pay on retirement of those eligible at sixty-five one per cent for each year of service for the life of the pensioner but without right of beneficiary. Some provision should be made for retirement before the age of sixty-five. The principle of contributions by staff and school is fundamentally sound, but with the substantial reduction in net salaries due to taxes, this is not the time to deduct even an additional five per cent without a compensating increase in

our salary schedule. From the School point of view some such program as suggested above would seem to be to its advantage; from the staff point of view it would give the assurance of a definite program.

With this report are submitted the balance sheet as of Sixth Month 30, 1945, the statement of income and expenditures compared with the budget as of Seventh Month 1, 1945, and the schedules under the summary. The income for the year was $1402.92 over the amount budgeted, the expenditures, $973.76, under the budget. The gain for the year was $13,751.68. Of this amount, $5000 has been transferred to the Pension Fund in accordance with Committee decision. The net gain for the year, therefore, is shown as $8751.68. This has been transferred to the reserve. From this we shall take the $4000 (or whatever part of $4000 is necessary) which has been allocated for new pumps, new piping, etc. in the boiler room.

The budget for the fiscal year 1945-46 will be available in a short time. It is recommended that this Committee refer this matter to the Finance Committee in accordance with our customary procedure.

Respectfully submitted,

Headmaster

At a meeting of the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School held in Alumni Hall, Moses Brown School, Tenth Month 2, 1945, Alexander C. Purdy presided and the following members were present: Moses Bailey, Bruce M. Bigelow, T. Dwight Boole, Edith L. Buffum, Susan L. Dow, Richard M. Gummere, Rufus M. Jones, Edward L. Macomber, Phoebe F. Perry, Alexander C. Purdy, Margaret G. Sisson, Thomas A. Tripp, Frances E. Wheeler, Lucia A. Wheeler, Charles H. White, Willis H. White, Ellen A. Winslow, William Webster, Lyra T. Wolkins, Walter H. Wood.

Excuses for absence were received from Charles F. Brown, Gren O. Pierrel, Donald B. Snyder.

The Minutes of the meeting held Fifth Month 1, 1945 were approved as circulated, and the Minutes of the meeting held at Andover, Massachusetts, Sixth Month 23, 1945, were approved.

Frances E. Wheeler, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following nominations which were approved.

Clerk: Alexander C. Purdy
Recording Clerk: L. Ralston Thomas
Executive Committee: Charles H. White, Thomas A. Tripp, Charles P. Sisson, Donald B. Snyder, Lyra T. Wolkins, Edith L. Buffum, Gren O. Pierrel, Frances E. Wheeler, Alexander C. Purdy, ex-officio. (It is understood that Charles P. Sisson is on leave of absence for the present.)
Trustees of Lincoln School: Moses Bailey, Edith L. Buffum, Susan L. Dow, Rufus M. Jones, Gren O. Pierrel, Alexander C. Purdy, Charles P. Sisson, Margaret G. Sisson, Phoebe F. Perry, L. Ralston Thomas, Frances E. Wheeler, Lucia A. Wheeler, Charles H. White, Willis H. White, Ellen A. Winslow, Lyra T. Wolkins.
Endowment Committee: Thomas A. Tripp, Charles P. Sisson, Charles F. Brown, Edith L. Buffum.
Finance Committee: Thomas A. Tripp, Gren O. Pierrel, Charles P. Sisson, Charles H. White.

The next regular meeting of this Committee is scheduled for Fifth Month 7, 1946.

There was a discussion as to the desirability of scheduling a mid-winter meeting, but the decision was left to the Clerk. If there is a mid-winter meeting, each School will select a member of the faculty to present the activity in which he is particularly interested.

In the absence of Gren O. Pierrel, Chairman of the Moses Brown School Executive Committee, the Headmaster read an excerpt from the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held Sixth Month 19, authorizing the expenditure of sums not to exceed $4000.00 for changes in the Boiler Room.

The Committee expressed to William Webster its appreciation of his good offices in making the arrangement of the change-over from manufacturing our light and power to its purchase from the Narragansett Electric Company. Through the company we were provided with an engineer who not only made the original survey and the recommendations but supervised the contractors' work. The School has benefited by having secured an excellent light and power program at a minimum of expense.

It was reported also that the house at 255 Hope Street was again on the market and that the real estate dealer had been informed that the School was not interested at present.

Marion S. Cole presented the report of the Headmistress of Lincoln School. The financial report for the fiscal year was filed with the Clerk and is available for Committee inspection.

The report of the Headmaster of Moses Brown School was read by L. Ralston Thomas, who also presented the financial report for the fiscal year ending Sixth Month 30, 1945.

The Committee learns with regret of the illness of Joseph E. Sargent who has had to give up his work as superintendent after thirty-seven years of generous and effective service. The Headmaster's recommendation with respect to living arrangements and pension for Joseph E. Sargent is referred to the Executive Committee with power.

The Committee directed that a letter of appreciation be sent to Joseph E. Sargent.

The question of the budget for the fiscal year 1945-1946 is also referred to the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee in accordance with the customary procedure.

Members of the Committee spoke in appreciation of the good work of the Schools under the direction of the Headmistress and Headmaster.

Bruce M. Bigelow and Richard M. Gummere were asked by the Clerk if they would say something about current educational problems. They both talked most interestingly and what they had to say was appreciated by the Committee.

Rufus Jones and others spoke in appreciation of former teachers and gave reminiscences of the School when they were undergraduates. The Committee reluctantly adjourned for dinner at 11:45.

Recording Clerk

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of Moses Brown School held in the Headmaster's office Eleventh Month 5, 1945, the Chairman, Gren O. Pierrel, presided and the following members were present: Thomas A. Tripp, Frances E. Wheeler, Charles H. White, Lyra T. Wolkins. An excuse for absence was received from Edith L. Buffum.

For the information of the Committee the Headmaster reported on a number of items.

Arthur E. Jagger, a member of the senior class, an outstanding student and fine boy, was killed in an automobile accident Tenth Month 21, 1945.

Basil G. Meserve, who has been on leave of absence in the Civilian Public Service for two years, is scheduled to return to School and take up his duties in the English Department sometime this month.

Gertrude N. Seidel, the house manager, has been ill for the past month, but expects to return to School within a few days. During her absence Ruth Plummer, the dietitian,has supervised the house in addition to her regular duties.

The electrical work necessitated by the shift from direct to alternating current has gone ahead slowly but steadily. This should be entirely finished and inspected within a few days. Final bills are not yet in, but it would appear that we are well within the allowance made for this work.

Excepting for the installation of a dual vacuum and water feed pump for the boilers, changes in the boiler room were completed some time ago. The pump arrived on the third of Eleventh Month, and the installation should be finished this week, thus completing the change-over.

The work on the Music Room has been finished excepting for the permanent installation of the lighting fixtures which have been hung temporarily as a try-out. Music classes are now using the new room. It is a substantial addition to our equipment.

After some discussion of the general pension situation, the Committee gave consideration to Joseph E. Sargent's retirement.

He is granted a leave of absence with his regular salary($2200) until Sixth Month 30, 1946. This is to include the use of his house and such other perquisites as he has enjoyed. He is to receive, beginning Seventh Month 1, 1946, a pension of sixty-five dollars per month during his lifetime. It is understood also that when a formal pension system is adopted, he may receive any additional advantage which might have been his under the new program.

Wilfred Goffe, who has been a member of the maintenance staff for ten years, has been appointed superintendent of Buildings and Grounds.

The annual budget was submitted by the Headmaster and is specifically approved by the Committee. This showed an anticipated income of $234479.75 and anticipated expenditure of $225169.00. Of the net gain for the year, five thousand dollars is to be designated for the Pension Fund and authority is given to transfer this sum from income to Pension Fund when it is available.

As requested at the last meeting of the Executive Committee, the Headmaster had available the list of funds which may be used at the discretion of the Committee. Time did not permit discussion, and the list is requested for a later meeting of the Committee.

It wad decided to hold a meeting of the Executive Committee either in Twelfth Month or in First Month for the purpose of discussing a pension program for the School, the date of the meeting to be fixed by the Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Headmaster.

Adjourned.

L Ralston Thomas
Recording Clerk

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of Moses Brown School held in the Headmaster's office at 4:30 P. M. First Month 28, 1946, Gren O. Pierrel, the chairman, presided and the following members were present: Edith L. Buffum, Donald B. Snyder, Thomas A. Tripp, Frances E. Wheeler, and Charles H. White. An excuse for absence was received from Lyra T. Wolkins.

The Headmaster reported on events and activities of the School since the last meeting of the Executive Committee.

Joseph E. Sargent passed away at his home on Eleventh Month 12, 1945, in his sixty-fifth year and the thirty-seventh year of his service to the School. A formal statement concerning him will be prepared and presented to the General Committee at its meeting in the Spring.

Basil G. Meserve has returned from his work with the Civilian Public Service and has taken up his duties as a teacher of English, and Adviser.

Theodore S. Whitford returned after the Christmas holidays, having served three years with the Army, a considerable portion of the time in Iran. He is teaching classes in French and English and has assumed his responsibility as corridor master and swimming coach.

Mrs. Eleanor B. Monahon, who accepted on a temporary basis the position of teacher of biology and general science, will continue with the biology classes throughout the year. The general science will be taught by Louis Fein, a graduate student at Brown University.

On First Month 30, nine boys will complete their requirements for graduation. This is part of the Summer School group. There will be no formal exercises of any kind at this time, but these candidates will return and participate in the regular commencement activities in Sixth

Month.

Heat, Power, and Light

The electrical consumption and coal consumption is working out approximately as estimated. There has been considerable difficulty with the heating system in shifting from high to low pressure. The buildings, however, have been comfortably warm, and slowly but surely the vacuum valves, both in the line and in the fans, which have not been functioning, have been located and are being replaced.

Service

Mrs. Seidel and Miss Plummer, the House Manager and Dietitian, have been doing the baking for the past ten days due to their inability to hire a baker. The service problem especially in the kitchen continues to be difficult. Wages recently have been increased $5.00 per month for all service employees except the chef, who received an additional $5.00 per week.

This was acceptable to the Committee.

A further advance may be necessary later, but this will be determined by the market as replacements are hired.

The Headmaster's request for authority to purchase a gas oven for the bake shop at a cost of approximately $750.00 was approved.

Pensions

The meeting was called especially to discuss the proposed pension program for the School. The Headmaster presented as a basis for discussion the following:

> Moses Brown and Lincoln Schools should make some statement on pension policies to their staffs as soon as the respective Executive Committees can approve the program.
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> All members of the teaching, administrative, and office staffs should be included.
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> For the present the pension program should be supported by the Schools and not have a teacher contribution feature. It is understood that this program may be modified by the Committees at any time, but that a new schedule should include an allowance for past services on the same basis as the present pension plan (on an equivalent per-

> centage - time - salary basis). Included as "salary" should be some nominal amount in consideration of rent or living for those whose contracts have included these items. It is suggested that $500.00 would, for this purpose, be a satisfactory figure for living or rent.
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> There should be no arrangement for beneficiaries and the pension should end with the death of the annuitant.
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> Only those who have been in the service of the School twenty years or more and have reached a retirement age should be eligible for a pension.
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> There should be a definite retirement age beyond which services may be continued only on an annual basis by specific approval of the Committee and the School Head. It is suggested that the retirement age for men and women should be sixty-five, services ending the Sixth Month 30 following the sixty-fifth birthday. There should, however, be provision for earlier (sixty- sixty-five) retirement. In the event of earlier retirement, the pension paid would be substantially less than at sixty-five, the exact amount to be determined on an approximate actuarial basis with relation to the amount which would have been paid at sixty-five. It is recommended that the pension paid should be at the rate of one percent for each year of service based on the average salary over the last ten years of service. It is believed that any sum less than this would not be sufficient to supplement adequately the modest savings of the average teacher.
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> Both Schools have established pension funds, the income and principal of which are available for pensions. It should be the policy of both Schools to include in the budget each year an amount for pensions which will, in part, carry current obligations for future pensions.

The Committee is agreed on the necessity for a definite program and a specific statement of policy. No decisions were reached, however, and the Headmaster was requested to bring to the next meeting of the Committee, figures to show expenditure for salaries and additional pension information.

There was some discussion also of the need for appropriate increases in the salary program of the teaching staff, especially at the maximum. This also will be discussed at the next meeting.

When material is available for the Committee's consideration the chairman will fix the date for the next meeting.

Adjourned.

Recording Clerk

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of Moses Brown School, held in the Headmaster's office at 4:30 P.M., Third Month 12, 1946, the following members were present: Gren O. Pierrel, Chairman, Donald B. Snyder, Thomas A. Tripp, Frances E. Wheeler, and Charles H. White. Excuses for absence were received from Edith L. Buffum and Lyra T. Wolkins.

The discussion centered about two major items:

1. The necessity for increasing rates for tuition and for board and tuition in order to meet the increasing costs inevitable in our present inflationary economic situation.

2. The necessity for increasing the maximums in our present salary scale for teachers and professional staff.

Rates. The Committee approved the following rates for the academic year 1946-47 and until such time as new rates may be established:

RESIDENT PUPILS

Tuition and Board	$1250 a year

DAY PUPILS

Tuition in Upper School	$500 a year
Tuition in Lower School:	
Intermediate Grades	$400 a year
Primary Grades II & III	$325 a year
Primary Grade I	$275 a year
Pre-Primary Class	$200 a year

Approval was given also to establishing a blanket fee for the various groups (Upper School, Intermediate Grades, Primary Grades) and thereby eliminating the considerable number of incidental items. The cost of books and stationery would not, however, be included in this blanket fee.

The charge which should be made for the noonday meal for day boys is considered an administrative matter and

is left with the Headmaster.

Salaries. Increases in salary maximums were approved. The Headmaster was authorized to increase the maximum salary of teachers and members of the staff not in residence by $300 and to increase the maximum of those in residence by $100 or $150. It is obvious that the greatly increased cost of living affects more seriously those who are not in residence at the School.

Fund Raising. The School has several substantial needs in physical equipment: library and Intermediate classrooms; a field house for boys' sports, and additional classrooms for Upper School. These needs are appreciated by the Faculty and many of our present and former patrons. It would seem that this might be a good time to solicit capital funds for building purposes. It is recommended that this solicitation not take the form of a drive for a specific goal, but that it nevertheless be a well organized campaign.

During the war the School lost forty-five former students. Parents of some of these boys are interested in contributing to some kind of memorial for them.

The Committee approves in general a fund raising campaign and the Headmaster is authorized to bring to a later meeting specific recommendations with respect to the program.

Adjourned.

Ralston Thomas

Recording Clerk

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of Moses Brown School held in the Headmaster's office at four o'clock, Fourth Month 22, 1946, Gren O. Pierrel, the chairman, presided and the following were present: Edith L. Buffum, Charles P. Sisson, Thomas A. Tripp, Charles H. White, L. Ralston Thomas. Excuses for absence were received from Lyra T. Wolkins and Frances E. Wheeler.

At the beginning of the meeting the chairman welcomed back to the Committee Charles P. Sisson, who has been in service as an officer in the American Military Government. He spoke in appreciation of Colonel Sisson's past services to the Committee and of our pleasure in having him with us again.

The Minutes of the meeting held Third Month 12, 1946, were approved as circulated.

The Headmaster reported briefly on the financial situation, reading items from the most recent financial statement.

He reported also on certain current activities of the School, mentioning particularly the fact that the enrollment for next year is, for all practical purposes, complete.

Willis H. White, a member of the School Committee for many years and a former member of the Executive Committee and its chairman, passed away in Providence on Fourth Month 5, 1946, in his eighty-fourth year. His interest in and service to the School over the years are gratefully appreciated by this Committee. The Headmaster will prepare a memorial for presentation to the School Committee at its next meeting.

The principal business of the meeting was the further consideration of a pension program for the School. This matter has been under consideration for some years and more recently a careful study of the factors involved has been made. Following detailed consideration of the problem by Gren O. Pierrel and the Headmaster, tentative recommendations were submitted.

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The Executive Committee approved the following program:

A pension plan for Moses Brown School is hereby established. It shall apply to all members of the teaching, administrative, and office staffs.

Under this program persons in the above categories who reach the age of sixty-five and have been in the service of the School twenty years or more are eligible for retirement with pension.

This pension will be based on the cash salaries paid by the School not including the value of living, house, or other perquisites.

The amount received as an annual pension following retirement shall be one per cent of the average annual salary for the last ten years of service multiplied by the number of years of service.

This pension will end with the death of the annuitant and there is no provision for beneficiaries.

The date of retirement shall be the thirtieth of Sixth Month nearest the sixty-fifth birthday of the annuitant. Services may be continued beyond this point only on an annual basis by special approval of the Committee and the Headmaster.

Provision for retirement between the ages of sixty and sixty-five may be made with the approval of the School Committee and the Headmaster.

In the event of earlier retirement, however, the amount paid as pension will be smaller and will be determined on an approximate actuarial basis in comparison with the normal program.

For the present the pension program will be supported by the School and not have a "mutual contributing" feature.

It is understood that this program may be modified by the Committee at any time, but in the event of a new schedule,

it will include an allowance for past service on the same basis as the present plan.

The Committee approved also the inclusion in the current operating budget each year of an item of $6,000 for pensions. (Funds already set up for Pensions total $35,500)

While the present estimates indicate that it may be possible later to recognize room and board as part of the compensation for pension fund purposes, it is proposed that the plan recommended above be put into operation as of Seventh Month 1, 1946.

After five years of experience in operating the pension plan it is recommended that the experience be reviewed with the hope that the results will justify the modification of the plan so that room and board, or rent, may be included as part of the salary as a basis for computing the pension allowance.

The Executive Committee directed that the above program and proposals be submitted to the School Committee at its meeting on Fifth Month 7, 1946.

Respectfully submitted,

L Ralston Thomas

Recording Clerk

MOSES BROWN SCHOOL
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L. RALSTON THOMAS, HEADMASTER

JOSEPH E. SARGENT

Joseph E. Sargent passed away at his home in Providence the twelfth of Eleventh Month, 1945. He had been superintendent of buildings and grounds at Moses Brown School for thirty-six years. He was appointed to the school staff in 1909 by Dr. Gifford and for more than a third of a century he had been a pillar of strength in this School. He had been on duty quite literally twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, twelve months a year and frequently his active working day was twelve to fifteen hours. His whole life was bound up with his work in this School to the exclusion of almost every other interest. He had unusual skill as an engineer and as a superintendent of maintenance.

He was a lover of all growing things and the beauty of the grounds testified to his interest in trees and shrubs and garden. It is not possible to exaggerate the important part he has played in the well-being of Moses Brown School.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth (Webber) Sargent, and two cousins.

Moses Brown has lost one of the most important members of its staff whose lifetime of service is deeply appreciated by all whose good fortune it was to have worked with him.

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WILLIS H. WHITE

Willis H. White, a member of this Committee for forty-two years, passed away in Providence on the fifth of Fourth Month in his eighty-fourth year. He was born Twelfth Month 22, 1862 in Millville, Massachusetts, the son of the late John and Maranda (Harkness) White, and was educated in the public schools of Uxbridge and in the Schofield Business College in Providence.

From 1880 to 1915 he was connected with the textile industry, serving as secretary and treasurer of the Hope Webbing Company. In 1915 he founded the Willis H. White and Sons Company and engaged in the real estate and insurance business for the remainder of his life.

Willis White became a member of the Society of Friends in 1883 and since that time all the affairs of the Yearly Meeting have been matters of deepest concern to him. He was the second oldest member in length of service on our School Committee, and had served as its clerk and clerk of the Executive Committee. He was for twenty-five years clerk of the Providence Monthly Meeting. At one time or another he had served on most of the important committees of the Yearly Meeting and gave a large share of his time and energy to these activities.

His interests were far reaching. At the time of his

death he was Vice-President of the Roger Williams Savings Fund and Loan Association, had served for years as one of its directors, and was its oldest living officer. He was President of the Rhode Island Peace Society, and through his efforts that old organization, founded by Moses Brown, owes its existence today.

In politics he was actively identified with the Prohibition Party.

In 1883 he was married to Emily Sisson of Albion, who died Third Month 19, 1945, shortly after they had celebrated their sixty-second wedding anniversary.

He is survived by four children, Mary Harkness Flagg of Phoenix, Arizona; Charles H., Louisa, and Edward A. White, eleven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Willis White was a man of strong principles. He gave unstintingly in time and labor and love to the causes in which he was interested. The Society of Friends and the Schools owe much to his devoted care. We are grateful for his life of service.

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To the Committee in Charge of Moses Brown School:

This has been an eventful year at Moses Brown. There have been some high points of accomplishment and there have been tragedies.

Four times during the year death has come to members of the school family. Arthur E. Jagger, a member of the Senior Class and an outstanding student, was killed in an automobile accident Tenth Month 21, 1945. Joseph E. Sargent, our Superintendent, died Eleventh Month 13, 1945. Willis H. White passed away Fourth Month 5, 1946, and David E. Pearce, Fourth Month 19, 1946.

David Pearce, a member of the Senior Class, was a boy who has had an important influence in the School this year. Just a year ago his left arm was amputated when it was discovered he had a cancer of the bone. In spite of this handicap, David has participated in the activities of the School with a courage that has won the admiration of everyone who knew him. Just over a month ago he had a leading part in the production of "Pinafore." During the spring holiday it was discovered that the infection had developed in his lung and he died three weeks later. No boy in School managed his affairs with greater skill and efficiency than David Pearce. No boy had more close friends or more unstinted admiration from student body or teachers. His life, we are sure, has been an example to every member of the School.

In School activities it has been a highly successful year. The football team had an undefeated season. The track team won the New England Private Schools Championship. The co-captain of the track team, Henry J. Arnold, won first place in the 60-yard dash and set a new school record for this event in the AAU Championships held at Madison Square Garden, New York City. Milton I. Brier, captain of the swimming team, won the 100-yard breaststroke in the Preparatory Schools Division of the Eastern Interscholastic Championships held at Trenton, New Jersey. The baseball team is off to a good start this spring.

The musical groups during the year have reached new highs for Moses Brown in their public appearances, and the Lower School Pageant at Christmas was presented to an overflow audience of enthusiastic parents. The Christmas play, a joint effort of Moses Brown and Lincoln Schools, was excellent. The peformance of "Pinafore" given by the Proscenium Club and the girls of Lincoln School at Lincoln brought the winter season to a close. This production set a new record of attendance at the two matinees and the final evening performance.

The School has continued to make a contribution to community activities and through the Good Will Fund the boys have interested themselves in assisting the less fortunate. This Fund has contributed during the year to the following organizations:

American Friends Service Committee
American Foundation for the Blind
American Mission to Lepers, Inc.
American Farm School
Caney Creek Community Center
Father E.J.Flangan Boys Town
L.S.Ingram High-Industrial School
National Child Labor Commision
National Probation Association
Near East Foundation
Hampton Institute
Red Cross
Save the Children Federation,Inc.
Rhode Island United War Fund
Tuskegee Institute
World Student Service Fund

In addition, the Lower School set up a most successful program of work for the benefit of the American Friends Service Committee.

On the academic side progress has been made also. Basil G. Meserve returned to the staff in Eleventh Month after two and a half years with Civilian Public Service. Following the Christmas holiday Theodore S. Whitford took up again his duties after his discharge from the Army. He had spent a considerable part of his three years in service in Iran.

At the beginning of the year Eleanor B. Monahon was given a temporary appointment as a teacher of Biology and General Science. Later Louis Fein, formerly an instructor at Earlham College and a graduate student at Brown University, took over the General Science and Mrs. Monahon was given a definite appointment for the Biology. She has done a splendid job and will continue her work in this department next year.

With Basil Meserve's return, he and Arthur Cate were able to give half time or more each, as student advisers. This has paid substantial returns in the improvement of study habits and in quality of the work of many of the boys. Arthur Cate's particular responsibility in this respect has been with

the older students and especially those who are, or will become in the near future, candidates for college admission.

The whole college situation is very much confused. Some of the higher institutions, because of the pressure of returning veterans, have been forced to reduce the number of civilian applicants who can be admitted as freshmen. A number of borderline candidates undoubtedly will be disappointed. Many parents turn to the School for advice and we are frequently unable to make really helpful suggestions.

Of the group which completed its work for graduation in Second Month, all are in college. In Sixth Month approximately forty-five students will receive diplomas. A few of these boys (about 20%) already have received acceptances by the colleges of their choice. The majority, however, will not receive definite decisions on their applications until later.

Thirty-nine members of the Class of 1946 took the aptitude and achievement tests of the College Entrance Examination Board in Fourth Month.

Six members of the staff will not return next year: in the Upper School, Messrs. Covell, Fein, Griffith, and Mitchell; in the Lower School, Helen Puffer (an assistant in the primary grades) and Caroline Lindh (assistant housemother in Belmont). Candidates for these vacancies are now being interviewed and one appointment has been made.

In Fourth Month the Executive Committee approved an advance in rates effective with the next academic year. The details of these changes will appear in the Executive Committee

report. The necessity for the advance is obvious and the parents have accepted it with understanding.

The enrollment problem, on which a report is always made at this time, is the reverse of the situation which we have frequently faced. The re-registration of present students has been unusual, both in promptness and in numbers.

In some of the classes of the Lower School and forms of the Upper School only a few new students could be accepted (in one grade two of twelve applicants) and the enrollment for next year, for all practical purposes, is complete. It has been necessary to refuse admission to many well-qualified boys whom we should have enjoyed having at Moses Brown.

The service problem has continued to be difficult. For the first time in some years the housekeeping staff, as contrasted with the kitchen staff, is complete. In the kitchen, in common with other institutions, we continue to labor with a number of transients, and only the loyalty and good will of a few of the "old timers" has kept us on an even keel at all. On the grounds we have, for the moment, adequate help.

The arrangement with the Narragansett Electric Company has worked out to our advantage. The electrical consumption and coal consumption have not exceeded our estimates and by the end of the fiscal year the coal consumption may actually be slightly less than was anticipated.

Maintenance - During the war years every effort has been made to keep the plant and equipment in good condition. In spite of our best efforts, some work has had to be postponed because of the impossibility of securing the necessary labor and materials. There is a need also of replacing considerable equipment. Some items have been on order for more than three years. There is no doubt that costs for equipment, materials, and labor will be substantially higher than they have been, and probably higher than they are at present. It is important, nevertheless, that we should proceed as rapidly as possible with all necessary work, and replacement of worn-out equipment.

New projects to be recommended are:

The installation of some type of sound proofing and new lighting in the dining room.

The provision of more adequate office space.

The improvement of the lighting in the laboratories and a few classrooms.

During the war years we have been singularly fortunate in many ways. We must attempt now to strengthen wherever possible the weak points in our academic work and to undertake a program of maintenance and improvement which will provide, in so far as possible, against the inevitable recession.

We have all shared to a degree in the problems of the war years. It has been a particularly difficult time for the boys of secondary school age, especially those in the upper forms. Fathers, brothers, relatives, and friends have

been in active service. Casualty lists have been long and all too frequently have contained the names of their intimates. Boys have found it difficult to make plans with any assurance of being able to carry them through. It has been a time of confusion and uncertainty. It is small wonder that many boys have found it difficult to keep their minds on their school work, and yet, in retrospect, we are surprised by the very large proportion of Moses Brown boys who have completed their school work successfully, have made their arrangements for college admission, and have held on to tentative plans for their life work in spite of the interruptions. One's faith is constantly renewed in the quality of the young men with whom we work. In times of stress and crisis they often show us an adult strength and an idealism that is stimulating and holds great hope for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

L Ralston Thomas
Headmaster

At a meeting of the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School held in Alumni Hall, Moses Brown School on Fifth Month 7, 1946, Alexander C. Purdy presided and the following members were present: T. Dwight Boole, Edith L. Buffum, Susan L. Dow, Rufus M. Jones, Edward L. Macomber, Phebe F. Perry, Gren O. Pierrel, Charles P. Sisson, Margaret G. Sisson, Donald B. Snyder, Thomas A. Tripp, William Webster, Frances E. Wheeler, Lucia A. Wheeler, Charles H. White, Lyra T. Wolkins, Walter H. Wood.

Excuses for absence were received from Moses Bailey, Bruce M. Bigelow, Charles F. Brown.

Minutes of the meeting held at Moses Brown School Tenth Month 2, 1945, were approved as circulated.

L. Ralston Thomas read memorials to Willis H. White and Joseph E. Sargent, and then presented the report of the Headmaster.

Gren O. Pierrel, Chairman of the Executive Committee, gave the report on the Executive Committee's activities since the last meeting of the School Committee. Recommendations were brought forward for the consideration of this Committee and each was specifically approved.

a. Increase in rates. The following rates shall be in effect for the academic year 1946-47 and until such time as new rates may be established.

RESIDENT PUPILS

Tuition and Board	$1250 a year

DAY PUPILS

Tuition in Upper School	$500 a year
Tuition in Lower School:	
Intermediate Grades	$400 a year
Primary Grades II & III	$325 a year
Primary Grade I	$275 a year
Pre-Primary Class	$200 a year

Approval was given also to establishing a blanket fee for the various groups (Upper School, Intermediate Grades, Primary Grades) and thereby eliminating the considerable number of incidental items. The cost of books and stationery would not, however, be included in this blanket fee.

b. The Headmaster is authorized to increase the maximum salary of teachers and members of the staff not in residence by $300 and to increase the maximum of those in residence by $100 or $150.

c. Pension Plan. A pension plan for Moses Brown School is hereby established. It shall apply to all members of the teaching, administrative, and office staffs.

Under this program persons in the above categories who reach the age of sixty-five and have been in the service of the School twenty years or more are eligible for retirement with pension.

This pension will be based on the cash salaries paid by the School not including the value of living, house, or other perquisites.

The amount received as an annual pension following retirement shall be one per cent of the average annual salary for the last ten years of service multiplied by the number of years of service.

The pension will end with the death of the annuitant and there is no provision for beneficiaries.

The date of retirement shall be the thirtieth of Sixth Month nearest the sixty-fifth birthday of the annuitant. Services may be continued beyond this point only on an annual basis by special approval of the Committee and the Headmaster.

Provision for retirement between the ages of sixty and sixty-five may be made with the approval of the School Committee and the Headmaster.

In the event of earlier retirement, however, the amount paid as pension will be smaller and will be determined on an approximate actuarial basis in comparison with the normal program.

For the present the pension program will be supported by the School and not have a "mutual contributing" feature.

It is understood that this program may be modified by the Committee at any time, but in the event of a new schedule, it will include an allowance for past service on the same basis as the present plan.

The Committee approved also the inclusion in the current operating budget each year of an item of $6,000 for pensions. (Funds already set up for Pensions total $35,500.)

While the present estimates indicate that it may be possible later to recognize room and board as part of the compensation for pension fund purposes, it is proposed that the plan recommended above be put into operation as of Seventh Month 1, 1946.

After five years of experience in operating the pension plan it is recommended that the experience be reviewed with the hope that the results will justify the modification of the plan so that room and board, or rent, may be included as part of the salary as a basis for computing the pension allowance.

An informal Financial Report was made by Gren O. Pierrel, Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Marion S. Cole presented the Headmistress' report of Lincoln School and a memorial to Willis H. White.

A brief report of the activities of the Executive Committee of Lincoln School was made by T. Dwight Boole.

After some discussion of the pension program it was recommended that at the next meeting of the School Committee, the Lincoln School Executive Committee should present for approval a pension plan comparable to the one just adopted for Moses Brown.

Alexander C. Purdy, speaking for the School Committee, welcomed Charles P. Sisson who has returned from service with the American Military Government.

There were remarks on the part of members of the Committee, also, in appreciation of the service of T. Dwight Boole who has resigned as chairman of the Board of Trustees of Lincoln School. He has been deeply interested for years in the activities of Lincoln School and has given generously of his time and energy as chairman of the Board of Trustees and as a member and chairman of the Executive Committee.

The Hartford National Bank and Trust Company has rendered an accounting of the Walter R. Jones Trust. This was received shortly after the last meeting of the Committee and the material is available for examination by any of our members.

The Nominating Committee, Frances E. Wheeler, Chairman, recommended that the School Committee make the following nominations to the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee for appointment to the School Committee:

For three years: Rufus M. Jones, Phebe F. Perry, Alexander C. Purdy, Charles P. Sisson, Margaret G. Sisson, Charles H. White.

For Scholarship Committee: Frances E. Wheeler, Edith L. Buffum, Marion S. Cole and L. Ralston Thomas.

No name is suggested to take the place of that of Willis H. White as it has been the custom to leave vacant for a year the place of a deceased member as a mark of respect and to make sure that sufficient consideration is given to the selection of a properly qualified member of the Committee when the time comes.

This report was approved and the names will be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee recommends also the appointment of T. Dwight Boole, Bruce M. Bigelow, William Webster, and Richard M. Gummere for one year and they are hereby duly appointed.

The following are appointed as members of the Nominating Committee to report at the meeting in Tenth Month: Frances E. Wheeler, Lyra T. Wolkins, Charles F. Brown, Edward L. Macomber.

The regular fall meeting of the School Committee will be held at Moses Brown School Tenth Month 1st at ten o'clock in the morning.

The next meeting of this Committee will be at Andover, Massachusetts, at a time designated by the Program Committee of the Yearly Meeting. At this meeting the scholarship recommendations will be considered and such other business as may be necessary.

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At this point L. Ralston Thomas left the meeting and Lyra T. Wolkins was asked to serve as secretary for the remaining time.

Rufus M. Jones presented the concern of the American Friends Service Committee, that L. Ralston and Editha M. Thomas be released from the duties of the School for one year so that they may accept an appointment to go to Europe to organize and supervise relief work, first in Vienna and then in Hungary. L. Ralston Thomas has served as Headmaster for twenty-two years and deserves a sabbatical year. The year is to begin Seventh Month 1st, with the present salary of L. Ralston Thomas to be continued by the School. Details of arrangements are left to the Executive Committee, including provision for an Acting Headmaster. Several Committee members spoke with sincere approval of the project. Charles P. Sisson felt that the School was highly honored by the choice of our Headmaster for the service. Gren O. Pierrel spoke of the excellent condition in which the School finds itself and of the opportuneness of the moment. Phebe F. Perry, William Webster, Charles H. White, Donald B. Snyder expressed the feeling of all the members present, and it was unanimously agreed to give L. Ralston Thomas and Editha M. Thomas leave of absence for the year indicated. Our two friends then came in and Rufus Jones gave a dedicatory message on behalf of the Service Committee and of the members of the School Committee, consecrating them to this service for suffering humanity. The Committee is united in releasing L. Ralston Thomas for one year from Seventh Month 1st at full salary.

Temporary Secretary

L Ralston Thomas
Recording Clerk

At a special meeting of the Executive Committee of Moses Brown School following the regular meeting of the School Committee on Fifth Month 7, 1946, Gren O. Pierrel presided, and the following members were present: Edith L. Buffum, Alexander C. Purdy, Charles P. Sisson, Donald B. Snyder, Thomas A. Tripp, Frances E. Wheeler, Charles H. White, Lyra T. Wolkins.

There was general discussion of the arrangements to be made for the management of the School during the Headmaster's leave of absence from Seventh Month 1, 1946 to Sixth Month 30, 1947.

The Committee approves the appointment of Oliver J. B. Henderson as Acting Headmaster, and it was agreed that he should receive $1000 in addition to the salary which he normally would receive for the fiscal year.

Gren O. Pierrel and Alexander C. Purdy talked with Mr. Henderson at once, and were authorized to complete arrangements with him.

Adjourned.

(Signed) L. Ralston Thomas
Recording Clerk

MOSES BROWN SCHOOL
PROVIDENCE, R.I.
L RALSTON THOMAS, HEADMASTER

To the Yearly Meeting:

The School Committee presents its one hundred twenty-seventh annual report.

MOSES BROWN SCHOOL

This has been an eventful year at Moses Brown School. There have been some high points of accomplishment and there have been tragedies. Four times during the year death has come to members of the school family. Arthur E. Jagger, a member of the Senior Class, and an outstanding student, was killed in an automobile accident Tenth Month 21, 1945. Joseph E. Sargent, our superintendent, died Eleventh Month 12, 1945. Willis H. White passed away Fourth Month 4, 1946, and David E. Pearce, a senior, Fourth Month 19, 1946.

In school activities it has been a highly satisfactory year. The athletic teams have been uniformly successful and two boys won national championships (track and swimming respectively). The musical groups during the year have reached new highs for Moses Brown in their public appearances and the Lower School Pageant at Christmas was presented to an overflow audience of enthusiastic parents. The Christmas play, a joint effort of Moses Brown and Lincoln Schools, was excellent. The performances of "Pinafore," given by the Proscenium Club and the girls of Lincoln School, at Lincoln at the close of the winter term, set a new record of attendance

at the two matinees and the final evening performance.

The School has continued to make a contribution to community activities and by the Good Will Fund the boys have interested themselves in assisting the less fortunate through more than a dozen philanthropic organizations. In addition, the Lower School set up a most successful program of work for the benefit of the American Friends Service Committee.

For the third consecutive year a summer program was conducted. By design this group was kept as small as possible and all boys completed the first half of their senior year's work successfully. No mid-year Commencement was held but diplomas were awarded in Sixth Month to both sections of this year's senior class. No summer session will be held this year.

Basil G. Meserve returned to the staff in Eleventh Month after two and one-half years with Civilian Public Service. At the beginning of the winter term Theodore S. Whitford resumed his duties at the School, and Leo H. Cole will return in Ninth Month. With Basil Meserve's return the student advisers were able to give considerably more time to individual work with boys. This has paid substantial returns in improvement of study habits and in the quality of work of many of the students. One of the problems which all schools sending pupils to higher institutions now face is the confusion in the whole college situation. The large number of returning

veterans has in some instances reduced the number of civilian applicants who can be admitted as freshmen. A number of borderline candidates undoubtedly will be disappointed. Many parents turn to the School for advice and it is difficult to make really helpful suggestions. It seems probable that this situation will continue to exist for another two or three years, although the colleges are making almost superhuman efforts to deal intelligently with this problem.

The School opened in Ninth Month with a very large enrollment. There was a total of 393 boys divided as follows:

Upper School - 223, of whom 70 were in residence
Lower School - 170, with 19 in Belmont

All grades throughout the School were at capacity excepting the Pre-Primary (in which there were eight little boys) and the Second Grade (which had an enrollment of sixteen). The registration for next year is equally encouraging. Early in Fourth Month practically all places available had been assigned and it has been necessary to refuse admission to many well-qualified boys. Since that time there have been a few changes, but there are always more candidates than places for them.

In Fifth Month the School Committee approved an advance in rates effective with the next academic year. Steadily increasing costs of commodities and services of all kinds made these changes necessary and parents have accepted them with understanding. The over-all increase is about ten per cent.

Approval was given also to the establishment of a blanket fee for the various groups, Upper School, Intermediate Grades, Primary Grades, thereby eliminating the considerable number of incidental items. The costs of books and stationery, however, are not included in this blanket fee.

The Committee also authorized an increase in the maximum salary of teachers and members of the staff not in residence by $300, and of those in residence by $100 or $150.

For many years Moses Brown has recognized, by the payment of annuities, its obligation to those who have reached retirement age after years of faithful service. No definite pension plan had been formulated, however, until this year. The Executive Committee, after intensive study of the whole problem, presented its recommendations to the School Committee at its meeting in Fifth Month and the program was adopted. Under this program all members of the teaching, administrative, and office staffs who reach the age of sixty-five and have been in the service of the School twenty years or more are eligible for retirement with pension. Provision is also made for the earlier retirement of those who have been in the service of the School for many years. The pension is based on the cash salaries paid by the School and the length of service. The Committee has pension funds on which it can draw and there will be included in the current operating budget each year an item of $6000 for pensions. It is proposed to re-examine the situation after five years of experience with the hope that the

results will justify the inclusion in the salary, as a basis for computing the pension allowance, of such perquisites as room, board, and rent.

At the School Committee meeting in Fifth Month, Rufus M. Jones presented the concern of the American Friends Service Committee that L. Ralston and Editha M. Thomas be released from the duties of the School for one year so that they might accept an appointment to go to Europe to organize and supervise relief work in Hungary and for work in Vienna respectively. The Committee was united in granting this request. The year is to begin Seventh Month first. Oliver J. B. Henderson, who for more than thirty years has been Senior Master, has been appointed Acting Headmaster during L. Ralston Thomas' absence abroad. He will have the loyal support of the Committee, the students, and the patrons of the School.

During the year the School has received numerous gifts: money, pictures, equipment. For these and for the generosity and thoughtfulness of our many friends, we are most grateful.

It has been an eventful year. As we look back we realize that in many instances we have fallen far short of the objectives which we have set for ourselves. In the world today changes come with kaleidoscopic rapidity, but if, in the midst of these changes, we can increase the understanding and appreciation of our boys of the fundamental truths, then we shall know that the Schools are serving their true purpose.

Respectfully submitted, for the School Committee,

L Ralston Thomas

L. Ralston Thomas, Headmaster

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of Moses Brown School held in the Headmaster's Office Sixth Month 13, 1946, Gren O. Pierrel presided and the following members were present: Thomas A. Tripp, Frances E. Wheeler, Lyra T. Wolkins. Excuses for absence were received from Edith L. Buffum, Charles P.Sisson, Charles H. White.

Informal report was made of the action of the Executive Committee at the special meeting held Fifth Month 7, 1946.

The Headmaster presented the budget for the three months Seventh Month 1, 1946 - Ninth Month 30, 1946. This shows a budget total of $52,311.63 as compared with expenditure for the same period last year of $47,001.14. A list of some of the special items included in this budget is shown below.

Dining Room	Draperies and Lights		350.00
Dining Room	Acousti-Celotex		1200.00
Office	Acousti-Celotex		125.00
Laboratory Supplies			225.00
Rugs			200.00
Manual Training			100.00
New Equipment - Upper School:			
1 Microscope		100.00	
Mr. Hutton's order (Laboratory)		230.00	
Lights 4 @ $40		96.00	
24 Chairs (Laboratory)		152.40	
42 Second-hand chairs (Alumni Hall)		55.65	
Kiln for Studio		150.00	
Stanley Grinder & Pedestal (Shop)		90.00	
2 Filing cabinets - Classroom		60.00	
Lighting Alumni Hall Stage		300.00	1234.05
Hurdles			250.00
Painting North Side of Building			1600.00
Labor and Salaries			1600.00
Dormabeds			900.00
			$6550.00

This budget was approved.

There followed a discussion of the best method for handling the financial affairs of the School for the next fiscal year. E. Harold Jernquist now has the management of the finances under the policies established by the Executive and Finance Committees and the Headmaster. He is responsible to the Headmaster who in turn is responsible to the Committee. To relieve Mr. Henderson of the details of unfamiliar work, Nancy B. Keach is authorized to sign checks which will be countersigned by E. Harold Jernquist as Treasurer. It is

directed that she be bonded in the amount of $15,000. The Treasurer will prepare the budgets and present them and the financial reports to the Acting Headmaster for his and the Committee's approval. Financial arrangements with students will be made by the Acting Headmaster. Nancy B. Keach will be given the combination of the office safe.

Oliver J. B. Henderson, Theodore S. Whitford, Donald B. Snyder, and William Webster for the School Committee and one or two patrons, to be chosen by them, are appointed a Committee to consider the problem of fund raising during the next year. They are asked to make recommendations to this Committee, and if they favor undertaking a program, they are asked to make specific recommendations as to procedures.

This Committee approved a salary increase for the Headmaster of $500 effective as of Seventh Month first, 1946. The Headmaster is authorized to arrange for the payment of his salary for the academic year 1946-47 in a manner which will best meet his needs.

The Committee approved the suggestion that during the next school year regular stated meetings of the Executive Committee be held.

There followed a discussion of certain questions of administration.

Adjourned.

L Ralston Thomas

Clerk

At a meeting of the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School held at Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, Sixth Month 21, 1946, at 9:30 P. M., Alexander C. Purdy presided and the following members were present: Edith L. Buffum, Susan L. Dow, Phebe F. Perry, Frances E. Wheeler, Lucia A. Wheeler, Walter H. Wood, Marion S. Cole and L. Ralston Thomas.

The Minutes of the meeting held Fifth Month 7, 1946, were approved as circulated.

The reports of the Scholarship Committee were made by Marion S. Cole for Lincoln School, and L. Ralston Thomas for Moses Brown. A total of $2,590.00 is available for scholarships. This is to be divided between the two Schools on the basis of the number of Friends in school this year: fourteen at Lincoln, nine at Moses Brown. The Scholarship Committees' recommendations as to the amount to be awarded to individual applicants in the two Schools were approved.

Adjourned.

Ralston Thomas

L. Ralston Thomas

Recording Clerk

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MOSES BROWN SCHOOL
PROVIDENCE, R. I.
L. RALSTON THOMAS, HEADMASTER

To the Committee in Charge of Moses Brown School:

On Sixth Month 6, 1946, the Commencement Exercises were held in Alumni Hall. At this time diplomas were awarded to forty-six young men of whom nine had completed their course in First Month.

The Baccalaureate Address was given by Lewis L. Gilbert, who has been for two years an assistant at the Central Congregational Church in this city, and whose son, Alan Morse Gilbert, was a member of the graduating class. On account of the war Mr. Gilbert came to Providence two years ago from the mission field in China where he and his family had worked for many years. It is interesting to note that he has felt the call to return to the field and will do so in the very near future, leaving his family temporarily in this country.

The Commencement speaker was Douglas Horton, of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches. His address was both eloquent and inspiring.

A note of sadness was felt in the exercises due to the fact that two of the most promising members of the Class had already passed on to another life:

> Arthur Edmund Jagger was killed in an automobile accident Tenth Month 21, 1945
>
> David Earl Pearce succumbed to illness Fourth Month 19, 1946.

Inscribed in the Yearbook of the Class, we read this tribute to these young men:

> "For what is Thine is ours always; and life is eternal and love is immortal; and what we sometimes call death is only a horizon, and a horizon is nothing but the limit of our sight."
> \- For Those Who Mourn

The spirit of the Class as a whole was outstanding and the confidence of the parents most pleasing. Material evidences of good wishes were received at the School from the parents of graduates by cash gifts totaling $1,250.00.

Despite the difficulties attendant upon admission to college, we are pleased to report that all but four of the forty-six graduates have been placed satisfactorily in the following colleges:

Amherst College
Bowdoin College
Brown University
Guilford College
Harvard University
Haverford College
Lowell Textile Institute
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Middlebury College
Oberlin College
Princeton University
Tufts College
Wheaton (Indiana) College
Williams College
Yale University

Summer Work - During the summer many repairs and improvements were made to the physical equipment. An additional office was established in what was formerly known as the North Sitting Room. This office is called the East Office and is equipped for the use of three members of the secretarial staff. Sound-proof ceilings were installed in the Dining Room, the Treasurer's Office, and the East Office. These ceilings absorb about 70% of the noise in a room and

already provide us with great satisfaction. In the Dining Room the walls and woodwork were repainted and new lighting fixtures were installed. Owing to the difficulty of securing equipment, half of these fixtures are still without globes. The Boys' Reading Rooms were redecorated and in the dormitories more than thirty rooms were painted and papered; all of the woodwork in the halls of the boys' corridors was refinished and the walls repainted. The trim on the north side of the main building was repainted; the floor of the Gymnasium was refinished, and many other minor improvements were made which contribute to the appearance and preservation of the buildings.

School opened Ninth Month 18 for its one hundred twenty-eighth year with an enrollment of 389 divided as follows: in the Lower School there are 167 boys, of whom 15 are in Belmont; in the Upper School there are 222, including 69 in residence. This enrollment is four less than that of last year at the opening date, owing to the fact that three boys were unable to come on account of illness and one day boy was withdrawn because we were unable to accommodate his younger brother. We believe, however, that these vacancies will be filled before the year advances very far, as throughout the summer we have had an unprecedented demand for places. Among the Upper School boys are nine who have been in active Service. Of these, five are former students, two are brothers of recent graduates, one a friend of a last year's graduate, and another the son of a former staff member of the School.

Changes in the staff are as follows: In the Upper School Leo H. Cole returned to take charge of the Art Department after an absence of three years in national service. Alexander B. Cumming, Master of Arts from Columbia University, has become a member of the Mathematics Department, replacing a married man who had been supplying during the war years. Evan L. Thompson, Master of Arts from Duke University, comes to the English Department, replacing another married man who was here during the emergency. W. Jay Kennedy, with a Master's degree in Music Education, is now in charge of our musical activities, coming here from a similar position at the Pennington School in New Jersey. Mr. Kennedy replaces John H. Mitchell who resigned last spring to continue his studies and work in New York City. Edmund F. Armstrong, one of our own graduates in the Class of 1938, is doing part-time work in the Science Department.

In the Lower School Louise B. K. Winsor has been appointed Director of Music, to replace Editha M. Thomas. Miss Winsor is an accomplished musician. She is Dean of the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and is Organist and Choir Director at the Mathewson Street Methodist Church in this city. We feel that we are very fortunate in acquiring her services.

Mrs. Dorothy L. Robison takes charge of the Second Grade room in place of B. Marjorie Cleaves who resigned last spring on account of her appraching marriage. Mrs. Robison

is an experienced teacher, having taught last in West Scranton, Pennsylvania.

In the Fourth Intermediate room, Lynwood F. Hoxsie, a graduate of Rhode Island College of Education and a man who has been for three years in the Pacific Area, fills the vacancy caused by the resignation of Ralph C. Lewis, Jr., who decided to continue with the business organization with which he was connected during the summer.

Mrs. Henry M. Erving is now assistant Housemother in the Belmont Dormitory, in place of Mrs. Eric I. Lindh, who has gone to take charge of a dormitory at the Bouvé School in Boston.

Other assistants in the Lower School are Shirley Mann of Marblehead, Massachusetts, and Virginia Martin of Providence; both of these young women are graduates of the Wheelock School in Boston.

Finances - With this report are submitted the balance sheet as of Sixth Month 30, 1946, the statement of income and expenditures compared with the budget as of Seventh Month 1, 1946, and the schedules under the summary. The budget for the fiscal year 1946-47 will be available in a short time. It is recommended that this Committee refer this matter to the Finance Committee in accordance with our customary procedure.

The people who are charged with carrying on the School in the absence of Ralston Thomas feel that the year has opened very satisfactorily. We are privileged to have

with us for our two first Meetings Alexander Purdy, who is on academic leave of absence and who, we hope, will resume his regular office as school minister in First Month 1947.

It is our intention to attempt to raise additional funds for special purposes during this year, and the nature of our project will be explained more fully by the Executive Committee.

There is no need to point out to you the difficulties we face, in common with all other institutions, on account of the scarcity of food and supplies in general, the increased cost of living and maintenance, and other problems which are a part of individual as well as institutional living. We recognize especially the difficulties of those who are charged with providing food for our numerous family and we hope that before long conditions in general will improve. At least we are now living in a world that is nominally at peace. We must continue to make our contribution to the re-establishment of a peace that is just and permanent. Moses Brown staff and Moses Brown students will work together for the common welfare of the School and the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Oliver J. B. Henderson

Acting Headmaster

At a meeting of the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School held in Alumni Hall, Moses Brown School Tenth Month 1, 1946, Alexander C. Purdy presided and the following members were present: Moses Bailey, Edith L. Buffum, Charles F. Brown, Susan L. Dow, Edward L. Macomber, Phebe F. Perry, Gren O. Pierrel, Charles P. Sisson, Margaret G. Sisson, Thomas A. Tripp, William Webster, Frances E. Wheeler, Lucia A. Wheeler, Charles H. White, Lyra T. Wolkins, Walter H. Wood.

Regrets were received from T. Dwight Boole, Richard M. Gummere, Rufus M. Jones, and Donald B. Snyder.

In the absence of L. Ralston Thomas, Oliver J. B. Henderson was appointed Recording Clerk pro tem.

The Minutes of the meeting held Sixth Month 21, 1946, were approved as circulated.

A letter from Ralston and Editha Thomas was read and the Committee directed that the Clerk send a letter of thanks and good wishes to Editha Thomas in the absence from the country of Ralston Thomas.

A letter was read from Mrs. Elizabeth Sargent, widow of the late Joseph E. Sargent, expressing her gratitude to the Committee for the continuing of her husband's salary until Seventh Month 1, 1946, and her appreciation of the privilege of occupying the house on the grounds until that same time.

Frances E. Wheeler, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following nominations which were approved:

Clerk: Alexander C. Purdy
Recording Clerk: L. Ralston Thomas
Recording Clerk pro tem: Oliver J. B. Henderson
Executive Committee: Charles H. White, Thomas A. Tripp, Charles P. Sisson, Donald B. Snyder, Lyra T. Wolkins, Edith L. Buffum, Gren O. Pierrel, Frances E. Wheeler, Alexander C. Purdy, ex-officio
Trustees of Lincoln School: Moses Bailey, Edith L. Buffum, Susan L. Dow, Rufus M. Jones, Gren O. Pierrel, Alexander C. Purdy, Charles P. Sisson, Margaret G. Sisson, Phebe F. Perry, L. Ralston Thomas, Frances E. Wheeler, Lucia A. Wheeler, Charles H. White, Ellen A. Winslow, Lyra T. Wolkins
Endowment Committee: Thomas A. Tripp, Charles P. Sisson, Charles F. Brown, Edith L. Buffum
Finance Committee: Thomas A. Tripp, Gren O. Pierrel, Charles P. Sisson, Charles H. White
Scholarship Committee: Frances E. Wheeler, Edith L. Buffum, Marion S. Cole, L. Ralston Thomas, Oliver J. B. Henderson.

The next regular meeting of this Committee is scheduled for Fifth Month 6, 1947, and the matter of a mid-winter meeting was left to the discretion of the Clerk.

The report of Moses Brown School was presented by the Acting Headmaster, and the financial report was presented by Gren O. Pierrel, Chairman of the Finance Committee.

It was directed that the Executive Committee keep in mind for later consideration the possible use of the School property at Islesboro, Maine.

Marion S. Cole presented the report of the Headmistress of Lincoln School together with the financial report of the Lincoln School.

It was directed that the general Committee approve the action of the Lincoln School Executive Committee in adopting for the Lincoln School a pension plan identical with the one adopted for Moses Brown School Fifth Month 7,1946. The provisions of this plan are as follows:

PENSION PLAN

A pension plan for Lincoln School is hereby established. It shall apply to all members of the teaching, administrative, and office staffs.

Under this program persons in the above categories who reach the age of sixty-five and have been in the service of the School twenty years or more are eligible for retirement with pension.

This pension will be based on the cash salaries paid by the School not including the value of living, house, or other perquisites.

The amount received as an annual pension following retirement shall be one per cent of the average annual salary for the last ten years of service multiplied by the number of years of service.

The pension will end with the death of the annuitant and there is no provision for beneficiaries.

The date of retirement shall be the thirtieth of Sixth Month nearest the sixty-fifth birthday of the annuitant. Services may be continued beyond this point only on an annual basis by special approval of the Committee and the Headmistress.

Provision for retirement between the ages of sixty and sixty-five may be made with the approval of the School Committee and the Headmistress.

In the event of earlier retirement, however, the amount paid as pension will be smaller and will be determined on an approximate actuarial basis in comparison with the normal program.

For the present the pension program will be supported by the School and not have a "mutual contributing" feature.

It is understood that this program may be modified by the Committee at any time, but in the event of a new schedule, it will include an allowance for past service on the same basis as the present plan.

The Committee approved also the inclusion in the current operating budget each year of an item of $6,000 for pensions.

While the present estimates indicate that it may be possible later to recognize room and board as part of the compensation for pension fund purposes, it is proposed that the plan recommended above be put into operation as of Seventh Month 1, 1946.

After five years of experience in operating the pension plan it is recommended that the experience be reviewed with the hope that the results will justify the modification of the plan so that room and board, or rent, may be included as part of the salary as a basis for computing the pension allowance.

Adjourned.

[illegible] J. B. Henderson
Recording Clerk pro tem

A special meeting of the Executive Committee was held Tenth Month 1, 1946, following the adjournment of the General Committee meeting. The following members were present: Edith L. Buffum, Gren O. Pierrel, Alexander C. Purdy, Thomas A. Tripp, Frances E. Wheeler, Charles H. White, Lyra T. Wolkins. William Webster, a member of the General Committee, was invited to sit in at the meeting.

Before leaving Providence Ralston Thomas had appointed a special committee made up of Donald B. Snyder, William Webster, Theodore S. Whitford of the teaching staff and the Acting Headmaster to consider ways and means for raising additional funds for the School to provide for needed expansion and improvements. This Committee met on Ninth Month 27 and the report of the meeting was read to the Executive Committee by the Acting Headmaster.

After an interesting discussion, it was agreed that there should be a special meeting of the Executive Committee Tenth Month 28 at 3:30 P.M. to discuss the proposed plan further and to have an additional report from the original committee named by Ralston Thomas, which is to meet at least once before the next Executive Committee meeting.

The Acting Headmaster was directed to receive whatever gifts might be offered, pending the formulating of a concrete policy in regard to these matters by the Executive Committee.

Adjourned.

Oliver J. B. Henderson

Recording Clerk pro tem

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held in the Headmaster's office at Moses Brown School Second Month 4, 1947, with the following members present: Edith L. Buffum, Gren O. Pierrel, Alexander C. Purdy, Charles P. Sisson, Thomas A. Tripp, Charles H. White, Lyra T. Wolkins.

The Acting Headmaster submitted the Budget for 1946-47 compared with the Actual Income and Expenditures for 1945-46, and also a statement of Income and Expenditures as Compared with the Budget for Seventh Month 1, 1946 to Twelfth Month 31, 1946. The budget was approved and accepted as presented.

At the request of the Acting Headmaster, the Committee discussed at some length his concern to increase by $100 the annual fee for boarding students. The Committee unanimously agreed to accept the recommendation for both Moses Brown School and Lincoln School, and established the rate of $1350 for boarding pupils for 1947-48.

The attention of the Committee was called by the Acting Headmaster to the inadequate toilet facilities in the boys' dormitories, and the Committee authorized him to take as soon as possible whatever steps may be needed to remedy the situation by the installation of additional equipment in the boys' bathrooms.

Speaking for Donald B. Snyder, who was unable to be present, Charles P. Sisson presented to the Executive Committee the report of the special committee appointed in Sixth Month by the Headmaster to consider the project of raising funds for the School. It is the opinion of this special committee that before any definite campaign is actually launched, a great deal of ground work will have to be done and the committee requested that they be authorized to expend a sum of money totaling not more than $2000 for expenses involved in such preliminary work. This work might involve a general survey of the needs of the

School and the services of an architect in making preliminary sketches for new buildings or for alterations to the present equipment. The special committee further suggested that the present year be given over to formulating plans and that no actual campaign be launched until the year 1948.

After considerable discussion the recommendation of this temporary Committee was accepted by the Executive Committee and the following actions taken:

1. The appointment of a sub-committee of the Executive Committee to be known as the Development Committee and to be composed of Donald B. Snyder, Chairman, William Webster and Oliver J. B. Henderson.

2. The authorization of the expenditure up to $2,000 by the Development Committee if needed in the development of the plans and architectural drawings, such plans to be presented to the Executive Committee at such time as the sub-committee may be ready to make report.

3. It was further agreed that in the meantime the Acting Headmaster would be authorized to receive any voluntary gifts which may be made to the School for particular purposes, providing no special conditions are attached to the gifts which would cut across general plans under consideration by the Development Committee.

4. It was further suggested that if the committee needs his services, a member of the faculty would be in a position to be of assistance in the preparation of future plans or in the development of the public relations program of the School. No solicitation would be undertaken until the work and plans of the Development Committee have been reported back to the Executive Committee.

The meeting adjourned at six o'clock.

Oliver J. B. Henderson
Recording Clerk pro tem

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MOSES BROWN SCHOOL
PROVIDENCE, R.I.
L. RALSTON THOMAS, HEADMASTER

To the Committee in Charge of Moses Brown School:

The year that is now drawing to a close has been a source of great satisfaction to those who are charged with the management of the School. The members of the staff have been loyal and conscientious, and the spirit of the boys has been unusually fine.

The general health of our group has been excellent. In the Infirmary staff one change has been made. Mrs. Olga M. Andrews, who has been assistant to Ruth Cook for four years, and who has rendered efficient and devoted service, left the School at the beginning of the spring recess in order that she might become housekeeper for one of her family connections recently bereaved of his wife. Mrs. Andrews' position has not been filled and Miss Cook will carry on alone for the rest of the year with whatever outside help she can secure in case of need.

The activities of the winter have followed the usual program and have been characterized by signal success. Under the most efficient direction of Miss Florence H. Slack, the Proscenium Club produced three short plays at Christmas time and a three-act comedy at the close of the winter term. The work in music has been unusually fine and the Glee Club has appeared at some of the school functions and also before one of the local mens' clubs.

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Our athletic program saw the revival of varsity basketball which had not been on our schedule for thirty-three years. The basketball team was invited to play in Boston Garden and on Second Month 13th defeated its opponents, Browne and Nichols, by the score of 38 to 12.

In the Amateur Athletic Union Meet held in Madison Square Garden, New York, Second Month 22nd, one of our boys, Norman M. Steere, won national honors in the shot put and another boy, Donald W. Richards, won third place in the same event.

In the matter of active concern for others, the School has not been idle. In their donations to the annual Good Will Fund, the boys contributed $302. Of this amount $125 went to the Providence Community Fund and the balance has been apportioned to various needy institutions, both in this country and abroad.

In the Red Cross Drive, boys and staff members together contributed $400.

The boys of the Upper School have shipped almost 200 pounds of foodstuffs for the Thomases' relief work in Budapest and more than 2000 items of clothing weighing collectively well over a ton were sent over from the boys of the School in First Month.

The annual Lower School Exhibition was held Fourth Month 24th and was built around the work of the American Friends Service Committee in Europe. The boys of the Lower

School had made intensive studies of the geography and of the peoples of eight foreign countries where Friends Service is operating and had constructed maps of these countries and had gathered much information in regard to the customs of the people. Eight different groups of boys, each dressed in the costume of the countries represented, appeared on the stage before the microphone and presented the chairman, one of their own number, with more than $85 for Friends' relief work. This money was either earned by the boys themselves or was saved by them from their allowances of spending money.

At the beginning of the second half year we were privileged to welcome back to the School our friend and minister, Alexander C. Purdy, who had been away from his post at Hartford on sabbatical leave. Dr. and Mrs. Purdy have spent a few week ends with us at the School and we have derived much pleasure and inspiration from their visits. In Dr. Purdy's absence, services were held at the School once a month and the boys went out to local churches the other three Sundays. One of our guest preachers was Elden Mills, who served as school minister here some years ago.

Fifth Month 16th has been designated Father and Son Day and plans are already well under way for its observance. Any of the male members of the Committee will be most welcome if they can arrange to spend some time with us that day. There will be a program of Lower School sports in the morning; there will be luncheon for boys and fathers in the Grove at twelve-thirty, weather permitting. There will be a band concert,

an entertainment in Alumni Hall followed by a baseball game with Kingswood School. The program should close between five and five-thirty.

On Sixth Month 5th we expect to graduate a class of forty-three young men, and we hope that as many members of the Committee who find it possible to do so will attend the exercises. The Baccalaureate Service Sixth Month 1st will be in charge of Dr. Julius Seelye Bixler, President of Colby College, and the Commencement speaker will be Reverend Carl Heath Kopf of the Mount Vernon Church of Boston.

Even a cursory reading of the newspapers will give you an idea of the difficulties of getting boys into college this year. There are at least ten candidates for every opening and the admissions officers and schoolmasters alike are much disturbed by this condition. Last year, of the forty-six graduates, forty secured admission to the colleges of their choice. To date approximately one-third of the members of our senior class have already been placed.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee Second Month 4th, the Acting Headmaster was authorized to increase by one hundred dollars the charge for board and tuition. This charge has been noted in the current issue of our catalogue.

The enrollment situation for next year seems particularly good. Re-registration cards have been returned almost 100% and new pupils have been admitted wherever there was opportunity. We hope to have next year's registration completed before the end of the current school year.

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We anticipate but few staff changes.

The plans for summer work are being formulated. Carrying out the authorizations of the Executive Committee, the Acting Headmaster is proceeding to make necessary changes and additions to the present bathroom equipment. This work will be started as soon as School closes and will be the major work project of the summer.

Before leaving the School last summer, the Headmaster appointed a special committee to consider plans for raising funds for the improvement of the school property and for additional provision for scholarships and pensions. This committee has had several meetings and has consulted with an architect who has prepared plans for additional library facilities and for a new gymnasium or a substantial addition to the present building. On account of the numerous financial campaigns in and about Providence, it has been thought wise to defer active participation in that sort of thing until considerable ground work has been done. It is the hope of the planning committee that active measures will be taken in the calendar year 1948.

From Ralston and Editha Thomas we have had frequent word speaking of their pleasure in being able to make their contribution of service where it is so much needed. As far as we know, they will return the first of Seventh Month.

In concluding this report, the Acting Headmaster wishes to record his gratitude to the members of the staff

who have been most loyal and cooperative throughout the year, and to the members of the School Committee from all of whom he has received cordial support and helpful suggestions. It has been a happy year for everybody and we are united in appreciation and gratefulness.

Respectfully submitted,

Oliver J. B. Henderson
Acting Headmaster

At a meeting of the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School held in Alumni Hall, Moses Brown School, Fifth Month 6, 1947, Alexander C. Purdy presided, and the following members were present: Moses Bailey, Bruce M. Bigelow, Charles F. Brown, Edith L. Buffum, Susan L. Dow, Edward L. Macomber, Phebe F. Perry, Charles P. Sisson, Margaret G. Sisson, Thomas A. Tripp, Frances E. Wheeler, Charles H. White, Lyra T. Wolkins, Walter H. Wood.

Letters of regret were received from Rufus M. Jones, Richard M. Gummere, William Webster.

The Minutes of the meeting held Tenth Month 1, 1946 were approved.

It was directed that the Clerk convey a letter of regard of the Committee to Ralston and Editha Thomas, and also to Ellen Winslow.

Marion S. Cole presented the report of the Headmistress and the financial statement of the Lincoln School, and O. J. B. Henderson, Acting Headmaster, presented the report and financial statement of Moses Brown School. Both reports were accepted.

The Acting Headmaster was directed to have prepared and sent to various Friends' publications an account of the Lower School Exhibition and of the special work that Moses Brown School has done in connection with the American Friends Service Committee.

It was directed that the present nominating committee continue in office, and Frances E. Wheeler, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, suggested for consideration the name of Henry C. Foster to take the place of the late Willis H. White on the Moses Brown School Committee.

The Nominating Committee recommended that the Clerk suggest to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee of the Yearly Meeting the names of the following persons for

appointment to the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School:

For three years -

Charles F. Brown
Edith L. Buffum
Gren O. Pierrel
Thomas A. Tripp
Lyra T. Wolkins
Frances E. Wheeler
Henry C. Foster

The meeting then adjourned, to meet at Andover, Massachusetts, Sixth Month 2D, 1947.

Oliver J. B. Henderson
Recording Clerk, Pro Tem

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MOSES BROWN SCHOOL
PROVIDENCE, R. I.

TO THE NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS:

Moses Brown School opened this year, the 128th of its location on the present site, with an enrollment of 393 boys, exactly the same number that was registered last year. The registration was divided as follows:

Upper School 222, with 68 in residence
Lower School 171, with 17 in residence

Almost all grades throughout the School were at capacity. Registration for next year is now practically complete with only a few places available for boys in some of the lower grades.

Commencement Exercises were held Sixth Month 5th with the Address given by Carl Heath Kopf of the Mount Vernon Church of Boston. The Baccalaureate Sermon the Sunday preceding was delivered by Dr. Julius Seelye Bixler, President of Colby College. Both exercises were well attended. This year the Commencement Luncheon was resumed after a lapse of several years. Of the 43 boys who received their diplomas, all but three have already been accepted in the colleges of their choices.

The year just closed has been pleasant and uneventful. In the course of it the School has received several gifts of money, paintings, books, and other equipment. Specially noteworthy are four original letters of Moses Brown's. Of these three were presented by Ralph A. Bullock of New York and one by Robert D. Wilson, Class of 1922.

For all these gifts and for the kindness and thoughtfulness of our friends in general, we are most grateful. The spirit of the School was excellent and the cooperation of members of the staff unusually fine. Next year altogether there will be only three faculty changes, two in the Upper School and one in the Lower. The two places in the Upper School have already been filled.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee Second Month 4th, the Acting Headmaster was authorized to increase by $100 the charge for board and tuition as of September 1947. This slight increase in rate was made necessary by the rising cost of food and service. It is not our intention, however, to allow the increase to stand in the way of any desirable candidate for admission.

During the year the usual activities have been carried on with outstanding success. The active concern of our student body for the well-being of others has been most gratifying. In their donations to the annual Good Will Fund, the boys contributed over $300; to the Red Cross Drive boys and staff members together contributed $400; the boys and teachers in the Lower School contributed $150 to The American Friends Service Committee in Europe. The boys of the Upper School shipped 200 pounds of foodstuff for relief work in Budapest, and more than 2000 items of clothing weighing well over a ton were sent to Europe in First Month.

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L. RALSTON THOMAS, HEADMASTER

In the course of the year a special Planning Committee has had several meetings to consider ways and means for the improvement of the school property and for additional provision for scholarships and pensions. On account of numerous other financial campaigns in and about Providence, it was thought wise to defer participation in that sort of thing until considerable ground work had been done. It is the hope of the Planning Committee that active measures will be taken in the calendar year 1948.

No work project of major importance is contemplated for the summer months, although a bathroom in one of the dormitories will be completely modernized and additional plumbing facilities will be installed in another.

In the absence of our school minister, Alexander C. Purdy, who was out of New England on sabbatical leave during the first semester, services conducted by visiting speakers were held at the School once a month. At the beginning of the second half year we were privileged to welcome Alexander Purdy and his wife back to the School, and their visits with us have been the source of much pleasure and inspiration.

From Ralston and Editha Thomas we have heard regularly during the year and they have written with

enthusiasm of the work in which they are engaged. They expect to sail from Rotterdam Eighth Month 15th, and to return to the School well before its opening Ninth Month 17th.

Those who were charged with the management of the School during the past year are grateful for the joy and the satisfaction that the year has brought. We wish to record our special thanks to the members of the staff and to the School Committee for cordial support and helpful suggestions. We feel at the close of this year that our endeavors have been blessed beyond our expectations and we look forward to the future with courage and enthusiasm.

Respectfully submitted,
Oliver J. B. Henderson
Acting Headmaster

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MOSES BROWN SCHOOL
PROVIDENCE, R.I.

A meeting of the School Committee in charge of Moses Brown School and Lincoln School was held in Andover, Massachusetts, Sixth month, twentieth, at the rise of the evening meeting. Those present were:

~~Dr~~. Alexander C. Purdy
Rufus M. Jones
Susan L. Dow
Margaret G. Sisson
Edith Buffum
Marion S. Cole

Scholarships as outlined by the Scholarship Committee for both Lincoln School and Moses Brown School were approved.

It was also approved that Oliver J. B. Henderson was to act as Headmaster until the return of Ralston Thomas and that the suggestion should be made to the Executive Committee of Moses Brown School that a financial adjustment be made in the matter of Mr. Henderson's salary because of this extension of his services as Acting Headmaster.

(Signed) Marion S. Cole
Secretary pro tem

June 26, 1947

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MOSES BROWN SCHOOL
PROVIDENCE, R. I.
L. RALSTON THOMAS, HEADMASTER

CHARLES PECK SISSON

Charles Peck Sisson died suddenly at his home in Hopkinton on Eighth Month 2nd, 1947, at the age of fifty-seven.

It has been given to few men to serve their community, state, and nation with more devotion and ability, and few have had the privilege of contributing, at the same time, to the well being of so many people in all walks of life as he had by his personal interest in their affairs and his willingness to devote himself so unselfishly in helping them. His wide circle of friends, all of whom feel a personal loss in his death, testify to the high regard in which he was held by all who knew him. Even his political opponents respected and loved him.

He had been active in state and national politics for many years, had been an assistant attorney general in Herbert Hoover's administration, and previous to that had served his city and state in important legal capacities. During the last war he was in the army for more than two years and had performed outstanding services in the American Military Government.

Throughout all his adult years both his university and school appointed him to positions of responsibility and called on him constantly for advice and direction, and he always responded enthusiastically and with rare ability.

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L. RALSTON THOMAS, HEADMASTER

Charles Sisson's father was for many years a member of this School Committee and was Treasurer of the School. Charles Peck Sisson became a member of the School Committee in 1926 and excepting for the time he was absent from the country, served continuously until his death. During most of this period he was a member of the Executive Committee and of the Finance Committee, and every detail of the School's activity was of vital interest to him. He was for many years also a member of the Board of Managers of Investments and Permanent Funds, and its chairman.

No one has ever served the School more faithfully. No institution has ever had a more able or devoted friend. We can never express adequately our appreciation of his services or our gratefulness for having had such a friend.

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MOSES BROWN SCHOOL
PROVIDENCE, R.I.
L RALSTON THOMAS HEADMASTER

CHARLES McCOID

Charlie McCoid came to Moses Brown School in Ninth Month 1915 as fireman and assistant to Mr.Sargent in the engine room. During all the years I knew him he lived at the School, and in a sense he was always on call. In recent years his health had not been good and he had occasionally not been able to work, but he continued with us until this spring, when he went to live with his daughter.

He passed away the thirtieth of Sixth Month, at the age of seventy-eight. (3/28/69)

Charlie was another member of the school group who identified himself intimately with its activities. We appreciate his years of service and shall miss him.

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MOSES BROWN SCHOOL
PROVIDENCE, R.I.
L RALSTON THOMAS HEADMASTER

DANIEL MORRIS

Dan Morris, campus policeman at Moses Brown School for seventeen years, died suddenly at the School Seventh Month 14th, 1947, in his sixty-fifth year.

After fourteen years of service in the Providence Police Department, Dan retired in 1929 because of a physical disability and in Ninth Month 1930 he entered the employ of the School. During his years at the School he knew by name almost every boy here, and was beloved and respected by everyone. The School became a very important part of his life and Dan an important member of the school family. No little service was too much effort for him and no weather too bad or hours too long. His faithfulness has been an example to all of us,and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

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MOSES BROWN SCHOOL
PROVIDENCE, R. I.
L RALSTON THOMAS HEADMASTER

Before beginning the formal part of this report, the Headmaster and Editha Thomas would like to express again to the School Committee their sincere appreciation of the generosity of the Committee in granting a year's leave of absence for work abroad with the American Friends Service Committee.

To be engaged in this work at this time and in Hungary was a very great privilege and we were conscious always of representing you as well as the Service Committee and other people of good will everywhere. We shall give you an oral report of the work itself, but we want to express to you our gratitude for the opportunity we have had.

During our absence the affairs of the School have been in good hands. Mr. Henderson and the members of the staff deserve commendation for the excellent work which they have done.

Because of the considerable number of cases of poliomyelitis in this community, the Board of Health of the City of Providence directed that the schools of the city not begin their fall term until the twenty-ninth of Ninth Month. Because of this directive Moses Brown began twelve days later than originally scheduled. Some of this time will have to be made up during the year in order to meet the minimum requirement of the State Department of Education.

The beginning was unusually quiet and efficient. The house boys reported Sunday afternoon, the twenty-eighth, the details of organization were attended to on the twenty-ninth, and first classes met; the regular work began last Wednesday.

The enrollment of the School is excellent. Every grade is full and every department excepting Belmont, the Lower School house (in which there are thirteen boys instead of fifteen as of last year).

Upper School	224, of whom 71 are boarding
Lower School	176, of whom 13 are in the house.
TOTAL	400

This is the largest enrollment we have had since 1927.

Among the students this year are six Friends, and seven boys from outside the United States. The following countries are represented: The Bahamas, Cuba, British West Indies, Venezuela, Nicaragua, France, China.

Staff - Fortunately there have been few changes in the staff. In the Upper School John U. Barton, B.A. Yale University, will teach lower form English and Geography, and Leonard E. Stout, a graduate of Pennsylvania State Teachers College, has joined the Mathematics Department. The following assistants have been appointed to the Lower School: Mrs. Virginia Nickel, B.A. College of New Rochelle, Pre-Primary; Mrs. Genevieve G. Andersen, Sc.B. Pembroke College, First and Second Intermediate Grades.

Other new members of the staff are Miss Marian L. Shaw, Dietitian, Mrs. Constance P. Classon, Lower School Secretary, Philip V. Coutanche, officeron the grounds.

Summer Work - There has been considerable maintenance and repair and improvement work during the summer, and additions have been made to the equipment of the classrooms and dormitories. This is the list:

Bathroom on Second Form Corridor made over and re-equipped.
Additional toilet installed, Fourth Form Bathroom.
Eight rooms and part of Alumni Hall Wing Stairwell plastered, and new ceiling in First Form Corridor Bathroom.
Extensive papering and painting throughout the building.
Gymnasium Floor refinished.
Men's dormitory painted.
Equipment purchased:
    30 chairs to complete furnishing of dining room.
    30 tablet arm chairs for classrooms.
    6 chairs and tables for Lower School.
    New shades for Study Hall, Music Room, and other parts of the building.
    New Bake Oven installed.
    Now on order, complete set of furniture for one dormitory and 22 additional beds.
Some repair made to heating system.
Fence on Lloyd Avenue painted east of main gate; baseball backstops, etc. painted.

Finances - In spite of constantly rising prices, the financial statement for the fiscal year will show that expenditures were well below the income and that an excellent job of budget making had been done.

With this report are submitted the balance sheet as of Sixth Month 30, 1947, the statement of income and expenditures and the budget comparisons for the fiscal year ending Sixth Month 30, 1947, and the cash account as of Sixth Month

30, 1947. The budget for the current year should be available within a short time and it is recommended that this matter be referred to the Executive Committee in accordance with our usual custom.

Respectfully submitted,

L Ralston Thomas

At a meeting of the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School held in Alumni Hall, Moses Brown School, Tenth Month 7, 1947, Alexander C. Purdy presided and the following were present: Moses Bailey, Bruce M. Bigelow, T. Dwight Boole, Charles F. Brown, Edith L. Buffum, Susan L. Dow, Henry C. Foster, Edward L. Macomber, Phebe F. Perry, Gren O. Pierrel, Donald B. Snyder, Thomas A. Tripp, William Webster, Frances E. Wheeler, Lucia A. Wheeler, Charles H. White, Lyra T. Wolkins, Walter H. Wood, Marion S.Cole, L. Ralston Thomas, and, by invitation, Oliver J. B. Henderson and Editha M. Thomas. Excuses for absence were presented from Rufus M. Jones, Margaret G. Sisson.

At the opening of the meeting the Clerk extended the congratulations and best wishes of the Committee to Thomas A. Tripp, who will celebrate his ninetieth birthday Tenth Month 8th.

The Minutes of the meeting held Fifth Month 6, 1947, were approved as circulated. The Minutes of the meeting held Sixth Month 20th at Andover, Massachusetts, were read and approved.

The Nominating Committee, through its chairman, Frances E. Wheeler, recommended the following appointments for this year:

Clerk: Alexander C. Purdy
Recording Clerk: L. Ralston Thomas
Executive Committee: Charles H. White, Thomas A. Tripp, Donald B. Snyder, Lyra T. Wolkins, Edith L. Buffum, Gren O. Pierrel, Frances E. Wheeler, Bruce M. Bigelow, Alexander C. Purdy, ex-officio.
Trustees of Lincoln School: Moses Bailey, Edith L. Buffum, Susan L. Dow, Rufus M. Jones, Edward L. Macomber, Gren O. Pierrel, Alexander C. Purdy, Margaret G. Sisson, Phebe F. Perry, L. Ralston Thomas, Frances E. Wheeler, Lucia A. Wheeler, Charles H. White, Ellen A. Winslow, Lyra T. Wolkins.
Endowment Committee: Thomas A. Tripp, Phebe F. Perry, Charles F. Brown, Edith L. Buffum.
Finance Committee: Thomas A. Tripp, Gren O. Pierrel, Charles H. White, Walter H. Wood.
Scholarship Committee: Frances E. Wheeler, Edith L. Buffum, Marion S. Cole, L. Ralston Thomas.

The recommendations were approved and the persons named duly appointed.

It was agreed that regularly appointed meetings of this Committee shall be held Fifth Month 4, 1948, during Yearly Meeting, and Tenth Month 5, 1948. With respect to a mid-winter meeting, the Clerk was authorized to call such a meeting if in his opinion it seems desirable to do so.

The Headmaster, L. Ralston Thomas, presented the report for Moses Brown School including memorials to Charles P. Sisson, Charles McCoid, and Daniel Morris. It was directed that these memorials be spread on the Minutes and that copies be sent to the families.

The recommendation that the budget for the current year should be referred to the Executive Committee in accordance with our usual custom was approved.

The Chairman and other members of the Committee spoke in appreciation of the service which Oliver J. B. Henderson rendered the School in his capacity of Acting Headmaster last year. Under his guidance the School continued its progress without interruption and the Committee felt that this would not have been possible under the circumstances under any other leadership; they are most grateful. Mr. Henderson responded.

The financial report was presented by Gren O. Pierrel, Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Marion S. Cole, the Headmistress of Lincoln School, presented the Lincoln School report. Satisfaction was expressed by members of the Committee on the fine record of both Schools.

Gren O. Pierrel, recently appointed Treasurer of the Lincoln School, presented its financial report. A brief report was read also from the Lincoln School Board of Trustees.

The Committee extended its hearty felicitations to Marion Cole on her award of an honorary doctor's degree by

Brown University in Sixth Month. This is an honor to Miss Cole and to the School.

Lyra T. Wolkins, who has made a study of the membership of the School Committee since 1900, made a brief oral report and submitted a summary of her findings. These are available for any who would like to study them. No record was found of any Yearly Meeting limitation as to the size of the Committee, but over the years there has been a tendency for the Committee to become smaller.

The official business having been finished, Ralston and Editha Thomas made their reports on the work and their experiences in Hungary.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Ralston Thomas

Recording Clerk

To Members of the Committee in Charge of Moses Brown School:

Dear Friend: 10/13/47

The following letter was received from Clarence E. Pickett too late to be read at our meeting Tenth Month, Fifth. Since we do not meet in regular session until Fifth Month 1948 I suggest that the letter be included in our minutes of Tenth Month. Unless I hear some objection to this procedure I shall ask the Recording Clerk to incorporate it in the minutes. It seems to me a gratifying confirmation of the wisdom of our decision to release Ralston and Editha Thomas for this service.

Sincerely,

(signed)
Alexander C. Purdy

October 8, 1947

Alexander C. Purdy
Hartford Theological Seminary
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Friend:

I am writing you as Clerk of the Moses Brown School Committee to express the appreciation of the American Friends Service Committee for allowing Ralston and Editha Thomas to give a year of service to us in Hungary. Ralston served as Head of our unit there, and deeply endeared himself and the unit to the people of Hungary. It was one of the most difficult assignments we have had because of the political conditions through which Hungary has been passing. In the midst of these violent political changes, working among people who were distraught by hunger and cold, Ralston was able to chart the course of service for our unit so that it bore testimony to something deeper and richer than either physical relief or political affiliation. In this difficult task Editha was a most valuable asset to him.

We are deeply indebted to your Committee for allowing the Thomases to be with us for this year. I hope you will find opportunity to express our gratitude to the whole Committee.

Sincerely,

(signed)
Clarence E. Pickett

Executive Secretary

A special meeting of the Executive Committee was held Tenth Month 7, 1947, at the rise of the School Committee meeting.

Gren O. Pierrel presided and all members were present.

The authorization granted Nancy B. Keach to sign checks during the absence of L. Ralston Thomas (see Executive Committee Minutes of Sixth Month 3, 1946) is hereby revoked.

The Headmaster requested authorization to expend a sum not to exceed $2000 in the purchase of a truck to replace the Chevrolet truck which has been in continuous use since 1930. This request was granted and authority is hereby given for the purchase of the truck at a cost not to exceed $2000.

Respectfully submitted,

L Ralston Thomas

Recording Clerk

A meeting of the Executive Committee of Moses Brown School was held in the Headmaster's office Eleventh Month 17, 1947. Gren O. Pierrel presided and the following members were present: Edith L. Buffum, Bruce M. Bigelow, Donald B. Snyder, Thomas A. Tripp, Frances E. Wheeler, Charles H. White. An excuse for absence was received from Lyra T. Wolkins.

The Minutes of the special meeting held Tenth Month 7, 1947, were approved as circulated.

Gren O. Pierrel was named chairman for the current year and L. Ralston Thomas, secretary.

On the recommendation of the Headmaster, the Committee approved unanimously an increase in faculty salaries. This increase is to apply to those regular members of the teaching and office staffs who have not had any salary adjustment since the spring of 1946, and is an increase in the current year's salary. The men who live outside the building will receive an additional $400. Men and women whose living is provided by the School will receive an additional $200. Other persons eligible will receive increases of $200 or $300 at the discretion of the Headmaster. These increases are given to compensate for the increased cost of living and in recognition of the loyal service rendered.

There was a discussion as to the advisability of charging to the surplus of the last fiscal year some of the major items of maintenance, repair, and new equipment expended during the summer in preparation for the current school year. It was decided that this would be a proper procedure but that the budget should stand as at present (with the salary adjustments indicated above). If later it is necessary to modify the budget, the Headmaster should again raise the question with the Committee.

The budget for the fiscal year Seventh Month 1, 1947 - Sixth Month 30, 1948 was considered and approved as presented.

Inasmuch as the business which would normally be referred to the Finance Committee has been for some time considered by the Executive Committee as a whole, it was decided that for the present it would not be necessary to organize the Finance Committee. If at any time special consideration needs to be given to any of the financial affairs of the School, the Finance Committee can be called.

The Committee approved unanimously the Headmaster's recommendation that Oliver J. B. Henderson be appointed Assistant Headmaster of Moses Brown School. This appointment will be beneficial to the administration of the School and will recognize also the splendid service which Oliver J. B. Henderson rendered as Acting Headmaster for the academic year 1946-1947.

The Committee considered the request of Arthur W. Cate that the School reimburse him for all or a part of the expense incurred in the installation of an oil burner in his home at 307 Hope Street. Inasmuch as it is not possible to provide similar installations for other faculty members living in houses owned by the School, it was decided that this was a request which the School could not grant.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

L Ralston Thomas
Secretary

E-2/3/48

A meeting of the Executive Committee of Moses Brown School was held in the Headmaster's office Second Month 3, 1948, at 4:15. Gren O. Pierrel presided and the following were present; Bruce M. Bigelow, Edith L. Buffum, Thomas A. Tripp, Frances E. Wheeler, Charles H. White, Lyra T. Wolkins, L. Ralston Thomas. An excuse for absence was received from Alexander C. Purdy.

The Minutes of the meeting held Eleventh Month 17, having been circulated, were not read.

The receipt of two recent gifts was reported:

1. From William Webster, $250 for the purchase of a recording instrument for use in language classes, music, etc. This will stimulate the interest of many individuals in perfecting their own work and is a much appreciated addition to the school equipment.

2. From Paul Levinger, father of a Lower School student, a donation of $1,000. earmarked for our Library Fund, to be used at the discretion of the School Committee.

A summary of the income and expenditures compared with the budget for the period Seventh Month 1, 1947 - Twelfth Month 31, 1947, and a cash account for the same period was presented. For this period the expenditures are under budget estimates by approximately $2000.

In view of the steadily rising costs, consideration was given to the need for increasing the charges for tuition in both Upper and Lower School departments. The matter was discussed at some length and unanimous approval given to the recommendation that in the Lower School, Pre-Primary to Seventh Grade inclusive, the tuition be increased $25 in each grade beginning with the academic year 1948-49, that in the Upper School it be increased $50; the board and tuition charge to be increased $50 also. The rates for the academic year beginning Ninth Month 1948 will therefore be

Tuition	Pre-Primary	$225
	I Primary	300
	II & III Primary	350
	Intermediate	425
	Upper School	550
Board and Tuition		1400

It is recognized that with these new rates, additional scholarship help may have to be provided for boys already in School.

Since the School's acceptance of the gift of the Anderson Property in Islesboro, Maine, it has not been feasible to open the property for summer use. It is proposed that a Moses Brown School-Camp be established this summer for a small group of six to ten boys in charge of a master and his wife and such assistants as may be necessary, the boys to be drawn from the eleven to fourteen age group approximately. The Committee approves this project on an experimental basis. If, after a two-year trial a program of this kind does not seem feasible or cannot support itself, it can be discontinued and other disposition made of the property. The Headmaster is to work out the details of the plan and he is authorized to draw from the Reserve such sums not to exceed a total of $4000 as may be necessary for equipment and other expenses.

Adjourned.

L Ralston Thomas

Recording Clerk

5/4/48

MOSES BROWN SCHOOL
PROVIDENCE, R. I.
L. RALSTON THOMAS, HEADMASTER

To the Committee in Charge of Moses Brown School:

This has been a winter of many and varied activities. The academic work of the School has on the whole gone ahead satisfactorily. The situation with respect to college admission continues to be extremely difficult and is reflected in the school program. Examinations were held this year by the College Entrance Examination Board in Twelfth, First, and Fourth Months and there will be another examination period in Sixth Month. The particular program both as to type of examination and time depends upon the college to which the boy has made application. There is a remarkable lack of uniformity among the colleges excepting in one respect. Many of the colleges and universities have indicated clearly that they are willing to consider for admission only those candidates who have given the particular college as a first choice. This throws a tremendous responsibility on the student advisers. A boy who makes a wrong choice and fails to gain admission to the college to which he has made application will find it exceedingly difficult to get consideration at another institution, even though he may be an excellent candidate. The multiplicity of tests in the program of the School plus the college examinations has given a wrong emphasis in secondary school work, and schools everywhere have become very much concerned by this trend.

In Sixth Month we shall graduate approximately fifty-four boys. Of this number, about one-third have already

been accepted by the colleges of their choice. Many of the others will hear within the next few weeks and a few will go into the summer with their plans uncertain.

The outstanding academic achievement of the year was the record of William F. Hoey, III and Thomas C. Barrow of the present senior class. In the Pepsi-Cola four years' college scholarship competition, Hoey stood third highest in the United States out of a total of 46,112 selected students. He received an honorary scholarship awarded to those who qualified for the full scholarship but could go to college without the financial assistance. Barrow won a full scholarship which will pay his tuition at the college of his choice, traveling expenses, and a monthly allowance of $25 during his four years of college. Bill Hoey was also the only boy in Rhode Island to win honorable mention in the Seventh Annual Science Talent Search for the Westinghouse Science Scholarship.

In the recent Science Fair, held in the Hope High School under the auspices of the Providence Journal Company, the five Moses Brown boys who entered the competition all won awards. Seven hundred Rhode Island school boys and girls participated in this fair and the Providence Journal estimated that some 25,000 people visited the exhibition.

The TIME Current Affairs Test was taken again this year by all boys in the Upper School, the top boys in each Form receiving book prizes from TIME Magazine. Current affairs have become a major interest of some of the boys whose records on the tests have been excellent.

In Eleventh Month Moses Brown was host to the Junior Alliance Française of Providence. Three hundred fifty students from a dozen public and independent schools were our guests on that occasion. Recently representatives of the School participated in the Rhode Island Junior Legislature.

Student assemblies have been addressed by Frederick J. Libby, of the National Council for Prevention of War, Dr. Michail M. Dorizas, professor of Geography at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Harold B. Allen of the Near East Foundation, and Stephen G. Cary of the American Friends Service Committee.

Upper and Lower School boys and faculty have participated in a variety of activities for the benefit of needy people at home and abroad. In the fall the boys and staff collected and sent to the American Friends Service Committee for distribution in Hungary more than a ton of clean and mended personal clothing, shoes, and blankets. Faculty and students have also contributed almost $1400 to the Community Fund, Red Cross, Service Committee, and a number of special projects in which the Student Activities Committee has had a continuing interest.

Immediately after the spring holiday the combined clubs of Moses Brown and Lincoln School presented an evening of Gilbert and Sullivan. The first half of this program consisted of choruses from Gilbert and Sullivan operettas. The second part was a presentation of Trial by Jury, under the direction of Editha Thomas. There was a matinee and two evening performances which were well attended, and the proceeds of

this, between five hundred and six hundred dollars, will be sent to the Friends Service Committee for European relief. Activities of this kind require a great deal of work by students and staff, but they pay substantial returns in the satisfaction of accomplishment, pleasure, and public interest.

The fall teas for parents, plays at Christmas time, and pageant of the Lower School have followed the usual pattern, ~~and~~ have been well received and have had capacity attendance. The annual Exhibition of the Lower School had as a central theme this year "Literature Through the Ages; It Is Fun to Read." As part of this program, parents of Lower School boys were provided with booklists appropriate to the ages of their children.

From point of view of games won, the athletic program this year has been only moderately successful, although there have been a few outstanding exceptions. The winter season, especially, has been very busy with regular schedules in track, Varsity and Junior Varsity swimming, Varsity and Middlers' basketball, and wrestling. Having many activities probably reduces the strength of particular teams, but it does offer an opportunity for competition for a very large number of boys and is probably a sound educational program. In wrestling, F. Gerrish Towle, 2nd, retained his title as State Champion in the unlimited class, and all four Moses Brown boys entered in the State Championship Meet reached the finals, scoring within two points of Central High School, the Meet champion. In the National Preparatory School Championships, track captain Norman M. Steere retained his title as national champion

in the shot put, and broke the Moses Brown record which has stood since 1930. In the same meet Steere took third place in the board jump and Harry B. Wood, third place in the 880. On the whole, the spirit of the teams has been excellent and the junior swimmers have had the enthusiasm of champions.

Although the health of the School has been reasonably good, the Infirmary has been operating at capacity with a considerable number of respiratory infections. Few of the boys were seriously ill, but it was characteristic of the Moses Brown type of infection that boys ran high temperatures for short periods and it took time to recover completely from the effects of their grippe. There was a scattering also of mumps and chicken pox but never in epidemic proportions. Because of the shortage of nurses in this community it has not been possible to open our Isolation Infirmary and boys with contagious diseases have had to be sent home or to the city hospital. During the fall Ruth M. Cook, our resident nurse, carried the full burden of responsibility in the Infirmary without assistance. Following the Christmas vacation, Miss Ethel B. Angilly, a registered nurse, accepted an appointment as assistant. She is a graduate of the Rhode Island Hospital and has proved herself a well-trained and competent nurse.

Ten days ago the Quaker Headmasters met at Moses Brown. The conference lasted from breakfast Friday morning until after luncheon on Saturday, and included in addition to the conference periods, a luncheon at Brown University with the officers of Brown and Pembroke, and tea at Lincoln School. This very informal organization brings together twice each year the

headmasters of the Quaker schools along the eastern seaboard. The meetings are usually well attended. There are opportunities for discussion of mutual problems, fellowship, and inspiration.

Following the School Committee meeting in Tenth Month, the Executive Committee approved the purchase of a truck, and a GMC three-and-a quarter ton pick-up has replaced the 1929 Chevrolet which gave us such wonderful service.

In Eleventh Month the Executive Committee made a unanimous decision which has been very much appreciated by all members of the staff. All regular members of the teaching and office staffs were given increases in salaries ranging from $200 to $400. In order to do this, practically all of the anticipated surplus for this year was used.

In Second Month, approval was given for increases in tuition in both Upper and Lower Schools and in the resident department. The increases amounted to $25 in each of the Lower School grades, $50 in the Upper School, and $50 for resident students. These new rates were announced toward the end of Third Month and attention was called to them again when the re-registration cards were sent to our patrons. So far as the Headmaster is aware, no one has questioned the necessity for these advances. Our present tuition rates seem high for a school like Moses Brown. In purchasing power the present income, however, is not comparable with that of 1940 when the rates were substantially lower. All educational institutions are concerned with the same problem. It is the consensus of school

administrators that budgets must be managed out of current income rather than with dependence upon endowment from general funds and that if costs increase rates may have to advance even further. It is to be hoped most sincerely that this condition will not occur.

It is proposed to open the Maine property this summer on a small school-camp basis. Charles and Suzanne Hutton will have charge of the project and we hope to have half a dozen boys who will spend eight weeks in Seventh and Eighth Months with them. The program will include two to two and one-half hours a day on remedial school work. One counselor will assist Mr. Hutton. The tax assessors of Islesboro have been insisting that the property be used if we are to continue our tax exemption. This is admittedly an experiment and if after two years it cannot be made self supporting, then consideration must be given as to what disposition should be made of this property. It is a valuable property and the School is not taking an undue risk in supporting the summer project. A charge of $350 will be made for each boy for the season. The Moses Brown Bulletin has carried an announcement and a second will appear in the May Bulletin. The age limits are eleven to fourteen inclusive.

The re-registration for next year has been excellent and it would appear that with the possible exception of Belmont, the School will be full. There will be relatively few changes in the staff. The summer work program has not been planned as yet. There will be the usual repair and maintenance and it is probable that two or three plumbing projects will be recommended, but no decision can be made until approximate figures are available.

Recently the remodeling of a storage room on the third floor as a photographic laboratory was undertaken. A good deal of this work is being done by the boys themselves, but the plumbing bill for the very small installation of sink and running water was so large in proportion to the amount accomplished that one hesitates to undertake any substantial plumbing work. On the other hand, there seems small likelihood that costs will come down and we have some serious needs both in the boys' dormitories and on "teachers second."

During the year we have received a number of small gifts and two which deserve special mention. Through the kindness of a member of this Committee who asked that he remain anonymous, the School received a check for $250 for the purchase of a sound recorder and extra spools. The type selected was Sears Roebuck and Company's Silvertone Wire Recorder. It is a first-class machine which already has been used extensively in the foreign language department. The boys have been very much interested in hearing their own voices reproduced and it has stimulated them to strive for greater accuracy in pronunciation and for better expression. Mr. Cate, who has charge of the machine, is enthusiastic about its possibilities. It was used also to record the Gilbert and Sullivan music. It will have great value to the School and we very much appreciate having it.

One of our patrons, Mr. Paul Levinger, who has a boy in the Second Intermediate Grade, has presented the School with $1000.00 to be used at the discretion of the School Committee, ear-marked for our Library Fund. Mr. Levinger also greatly assisted the School at the time of its clothing drive. He

arranged for packing cases and sent a man to assist with the packing of the materials collected by the boys. We appreciate his interest and his generosity.

Since the above report was written, the House Military Affairs Committee has reported out the new draft bill. It seems probable that this bill will be passed by the Congress and approved by President Truman. Under its provisions, all young men eighteen to thirty years of age will be required to register and all between the ages of nineteen and twenty-five will be eligible for two years of military service. Certain exemptions are indicated, but the definition of these exemptions probably will rest with the President. It is not likely that Moses Brown students will ~~not~~ be taken out of school for military service, but all of our older boys now face an additional uncertainty in making their plans for the future and no doubt we shall again have some of the problems which were so difficult during the war years. More than ever our students will require all the intelligent guidance and help which sympathetic, concerned teachers can give them. We are living in challenging times, and only by the closest cooperation of Committee, parents, and teachers can we help these boys to meet the problems with which they are faced.

With this report are submitted the statement of income and expense 7/1/47 - 3/31/48 and the cash account for the same period.

Respectfully submitted,

L Ralston Thomas

Headmaster

At a meeting of the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School held in Alumni Hall Fifth Month 4, 1948, Alexander C. Purdy, the Clerk, presided, and the following members were present: Moses Bailey, Bruce M. Bigelow, T.Dwight Boole, Charles F. Brown, Edith L. Buffum, Henry C. Foster, Phebe F. Perry, Edward L. Macomber, Donald B. Snyder, Thomas A. Tripp, William Webster, Frances E. Wheeler, Lucia A. Wheeler, Lyra T. Wolkins, Marion S. Cole, L. Ralston Thomas. Excuses for absence were received from Susan L. Dow, Richard M. Gummere, Rufus M. Jones, Walter H.Wood.

The recording clerk was directed to write to Rufus M. Jones, send him the greetings of the Committee and express its hope of his speedy recovery.

The Minutes of the meeting held Tenth Month 7, 1947 were approved as circulated, and it was directed that the letter from Clarence Pickett in appreciation of the services of Ralston and Editha Thomas with the American Friends Service Committee and the covering letter of Alexander C. Purdy should be included in our records.

The report of the Headmistress of the Lincoln School was presented by Marion S. Cole. She also read the minutes of a special meeting of the Lincoln School Executive Committee and gave a brief summary of the financial situation of the School.

L. Ralston Thomas read the Headmaster's report for Moses Brown School. In the absence of the Chairman of the Executive Committee he also gave excerpts from the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee and submitted the financial report of the School as of Third Month 31, 1948.

All of these reports were accepted and there were expressions of appreciation for the work of the Schools.

The present Nominating Committee, consisting of Frances E. Wheeler, Chairman, Lyra T. Wolkins, Charles F. Brown, Edward L. Macomber, was re-appointed for 1948-1949. Frances E. Wheeler made the report for the Committee:

"The Nominating Committee suggests the following names to be presented to the Nominating Committee of the Yearly Meeting for appointment to the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln

School, for three years: MOSES BAILEY, SUSAN L. DOW, EDWARD L. MACOMBER, DONALD B. SNYDER, VIRGINIA TOWNSEND, LUCIA A. WHEELER, WALTER H. WOOD."

This report was approved and the Recording Clerk was directed to forward the names to the Nominating Committee of the Yearly Meeting in accordance with our usual procedure. It is recommended that the place of Charles P. Sisson remain vacant for one year.

There followed a brief discussion of the size of the School Committee. Lyra T. Wolkins' study of the Committee of the last forty-eight years is much appreciated by the members of this Committee. It is an interesting and informative piece of research. She reported that there is nothing in the Yearly Meeting Minutes to indicate that the size of the School Committee had ever been specified. The Recording Clerk was asked to file the copy of this report with the Committee Minutes.

Alexander Purdy informed the Committee that he had had a communication from George A. Selleck, Chairman of the Yearly Meeting Committee on Arrangements, requesting the School Committee to present its report by Fifth Month 15 in order that it may be printed or mimeographed in accordance with decisions made at the Permanent Board in Second Month. The matter was left to the Clerk, the Headmaster and the Headmistress.

Alexander Purdy spoke in appreciation of the work of the Schools and called the attention of the Committee to the increased responsibility which institutions of this kind have in guiding and counseling young people.

No time has yet been designated for the meeting of the School Committee at Yearly Meeting. The date and place will be announced by the calendar committee.

The next regular meeting of this Committee will be held at Moses Brown School Tenth Month 5, 1948, at 10 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Recording Clerk

A meeting of the Executive Committee of Moses Brown School was held in the Headmaster's office Sixth Month 14, 1948. Those present were Gren O. Pierrel, Chairman, Bruce M. Bigelow, Thomas A. Tripp, Frances E. Wheeler, Charles H. White, Lyra T. Wolkins, L. Ralston Thomas. An excuse for absence was received from Edith L. Buffum.

The statement of income and expense for the period Seventh Month 1, 1947 - Fourth Month 30, 1948 and the cash account for the same period were presented. There was brief discussion of certain of the items of these statements.

The budget for the three months' period Seventh-Eighth-Ninth Months, 1948 was considered. This budget includes, in addition to usual running expense, repair, maintenance, and equipment replacement, certain major items: a bathroom, freshman corridor (estimated cost $2200); guest bathroom ($900); Lower School heating and lighting changes and redecorating ($1500). The estimated expenditure for the period is $58,950, approximately $3,200 above the budget for the same period last year. This budget was approved and the Headmaster was authorized to use $4,000 accrued income from the Improvement Fund against these major items.

The enrollment of pupils for the year beginning Ninth Month 1948 is excellent.

	Day	House	Total	
Upper School				
This year	149^2	64^2	213^4	
Last year	153	71	224	Maximum
Lower School				
This year	163	7	170	
Last year	163	14	177	Maximum

(Exponents indicate additional registrations not yet final) There seems little doubt that in Upper School the registration in the fall will be at its maximum. In Lower School, registration of day boys is already complete; the only weak spot is in the Lower School "house" which probably will improve, but will not reach maximum.

The School is at present covered by insurance on building and contents for $430,000. There is, in addition, a fine arts policy of $20,000. The insurance on building and contents is on a five-year program, under which policies for $86,000 are renewed each year. The annual premium is $516 with a 20% dividend. The Committee approves a 20% to 25% increase in this coverage. Charles H. White has had a survey made. When the report of this is available, Gren O. Pierrel, Charles H. White and the Headmaster are authorized to take appropriate action to provide for the increased coverage.

John D. Stout, Jr., Trust Officer of the Hartford National Bank and Trust Company, has written Miss Ethel M. Jones with reference to the accumulation of surplus income in the Walter R. Jones Estate. A copy of this letter and a covering letter of Mr. Stout's were read to the Committee. Inasmuch as court action probably will be necessary to determine what disposition the Trust Company may make of this surplus (now amounting to between seven and eight thousand dollars) it was the decision of the Committee that the School, as residuary legatee, should be represented by counsel. The Chairman and the Headmaster are authorized to use their judgment in the selection of counsel.

The Committee directed that the outstanding account (for his boys' tuition, incidentals, et cetera) of Mr. Albert O. Saart be turned over to an attorney for collection.

Adjourned, to meet at the call of the Chairman.

Recording Clerk

REPORT OF LYRA T. WOLKINS

In re Membership on Moses Brown School Committee

1900 through 1913 there were 36 members, some replacements, of course, but numbers remaining the same
12 in each 3-year period

1914 4 vacancies, 1 replacement -- 32 members left

12+10+10 - 32 3 died Anna G. Wood's place taken by Geo.R.Wood
(or 4?) Susan Peckham
William C. Munroe
Sarah H. Taber ? death
1 removal, Benj. F. Trueblood, to Washington, D.C.

1915

11+10+9 - 30 2 removed (both places left vacant)
Stephen C. Meader
James H. Chace died

1916

9+10+9 - 28 3 off Elihu Grant removed to Northampton
Charles Cobb died
Arthur F. Chace' place given to
1 replaced Edward Lyman Brown

1917

9+9+9 - 27 Samuel Buffum resigned;place left vacant

1918

9+9+8 - 26 Edward T. Tucker died; place left vacant

1919

9+8+7 - 24 2 places left vacant
Wilbur K. Thomas removed
Elisabeth H. Thayer resigned

1920

8+8+7 - 23 1 vacancy Rufus M. Jones left off temporarily
(war service)
Arthur H. Buffinton removed; place to
2 replaced Charles F. Brown
Charles Sisson died; place to
Norman S. Taber

1921

8+8+7 - 23 No changes

1922

8+8+7 - 23 No change in number, but Rufus M. Jones returned
and takes place of
Mary A. Crosman, deceased
William A. Marble died;
place to Moses Bailey

1923

8+8+7 - 23 No change in number, but Sarah Marble Shedd
resigned because of age and
Ellen A. Winslow in her place

1924

8+8+8 - 24 Increase of one! Hannah J. Bailey died; place to
Lyra T. Wolkins
Chalkley Collins died; place to
Anna Hussey
(added) Weston Howland

1925

8+8+9 - 25 Increase again of one! George L. Jones added
Caroline Tobey died; place to
Margaret G. Sisson

1926

8+8+9 - 25 Same number (changes) George L. Jones died;
place to Charles P. Sisson
Weston Howland resigned;
place to Seth K. Gifford

1927

8+8+7 - 23 Two less Daniel C. Maxfield died
Asenath Tetlow died
Both places left vacant

1928

8+8+7 - 23 Same number as 1927 - No changes

1929

8+8+7 - 23 Again same number, but Thomas Wood died; place to
Alexander C. Purdy
Alice W. Maxfield died; place to
Clara W. Mumford

1930

8+8+7 - 23 Again same number Anna Hussey left off;replaced by
Donald B. Snyder

1931

7+7+7 - 21 Two less - Deaths: Clarkson Collins
(no substitutes)Frederic Taber

1932
7-7-7 - 21 No Changes

1933

7+7+7 - 21 John J. Frye died;
Augustus T. Murray substituted

1934

7+7+7 - 21 Seth K. Gifford died
Gren O. Pierrel substituted

1935

7+7+7 - 21 George R. Wood died
Thomas A. Tripp substituted

1936

7+7+7 - 21 No changes

1937	7+7+7	- 21		Emily M. Jones died Lucia A. Wheeler Substituted
1938	7+7+8	- 22	Increase of one	Frances E. Wheeler (resigned from Lincoln School)
1939	7+7+8	- 22	No changes	
1940	6+7+8	- 21		Augustus T. Murray died: Place left vacant
1941	6+7+8	- 21	No changes	
1942	6+7+8	- 21		Edward Lyman Brown died; Place to Edith L. Buffum
1943	6+7+7	- 20	One less	Sarah J. Swift died; place left vacant Clara W. Mumford died; place to Susan L. Dow Willard L. Swift changed from 3-year term and put in Sarah J. Swift's place
1944	7+7+7	- 21	One added	Norman S. Taber resigned; Walter H. Wood put in his place Phebe Perry added
1945	6+7+7	- 20	One less	Willard L. Swift resigned; place left vacant
1946	6+7+6	- 19	One less	Willis H. White died; place left vacant
1947		- 20	Here the number rests except for our nomination of Henry C. Foster to take the place of Willis H. White, which will return the number to 20	

19[illegible] [illegible]

19[illegible]

19[illegible] [illegible] added, Ruth Burgess [illegible], & Charles P. Dixon, [illegible]
[illegible]
Thomas Perry, [illegible]

MOSES BROWN SCHOOL
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L. RALSTON THOMAS, HEADMASTER

RUFUS MATTHEW JONES

Rufus Matthew Jones, world religious leader, intimate Friend of everyone in our Yearly Meeting, Moses Brown School's most distinguished alumnus, died at his home in Haverford, Pennsylvania, Sixth Month 16th 1948.

He had been active to within a few months of his death. No individual in the Society of Friends in recent times has had such a great influence on the thinking of religious leaders throughout the world. None has offered to the layman such a simple and yet such a profound philosophy of life. He preached and practiced a life of service to his fellow man.

Rufus Jones was born in South China, Maine, First Month 25th 1863, the son of Edwin and Mary Hoxie Jones. After attending Oak Grove Seminary in Vassalboro he became a member of the class of 1881 at Friends School, graduated from Haverford College in 1885. Later he studied at Heidelberg, Germany, took graduate degrees at Harvard, and was given honorary degrees by many outstanding educational institutions in this country and abroad.

He was a teacher at Friends School from 1887-1889, Principal of Oak Grove from 1889-1893. He became a member of the faculty at Haverford College in 1893 and was appointed Professor of Philosophy at that institution in 1904, which position he held until 1934. He was a trustee of Bryn Mawr College, Brown University, Lincoln School, and the oldest member in point of service on the

Moses Brown School Committee, having been appointed in 1894.

He had been a teacher, lecturer and college preacher in scores of institutions in America, in Europe and in the Far East. Author of fifty books, an authority on mysticism, he was the recipient of many honors. In 1917 he was a moving spirit in the establishment of the American Friends Service Committee, its chairman to 1927 and from 1934-1944, and was the honorary chairman at the time of his death. His was a mighty influence in shaping the policies of this Committee.

Although he was known, welcomed and honored by famous people and great thinkers all over the world, he spoke more frequently of his home in South China, Maine, and the friends of this community than almost anything else, and he looked forward eagerly to the time he could spend on the hill in Maine which was so familiar to him in his boyhood. During a large part of his adult life he has been a recognized leader in the Society of Friends everywhere and we can never measure his contribution to the wellbeing of our Society. A great thinker, teacher, and preacher, he spoke simply of simple things. As an intimate friend of all of us, he always had a story for every occasion and a word of cheer or good advice for those who turned to him for help. What a privilege it has been to have had the close association with him for his long life - and we shall treasure his memory. His good works will go down through the years.

To his wife and daughter we extend our heartfelt sympathy and share with them the thankfulness for such an inspiring life.

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L. RALSTON THOMAS, HEADMASTER

To the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends
the School Committee presents its 129th annual report:

MOSES BROWN SCHOOL

Because of the considerable number of cases of poliomyelitis in the community, the Board of Health directed that the Providence schools not begin the fall term until the twenty-ninth of Ninth Month. As a result of this directive, Moses Brown began twelve days later than originally planned.

The enrollment of the School was excellent. Every grade was full and every department excepting Belmont, the Lower School house (in which there were thirteen boys instead of fifteen as of last year). In the Upper School there were 224 boys of whom 71 were boarders; in the Lower School there were 176, making a total of 400, the largest enrollment since 1927. Among the students there were seven boys from outside the United States, the following countries being represented: the Bahamas, Cuba, Jamaica, Venezuela, Nicaragua, France, China.

In recognition of the splendid service which Oliver J. B. Henderson rendered as Acting Headmaster during the academic year 1946-1947, the Executive Committee in Eleventh Month approved unanimously his appointment as Assistant Headmaster of the Moses Brown School.

In Eleventh Month also approval was given to increases in faculty salaries. This applied to all regular members of the teaching and office staffs who had not had any salary adjustments since the spring of 1946 and was applied to the current year's salary.

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Because of the steadily rising costs, the Executive Committee approved also an increase in the School's tuition rate. For the academic year 1948-1949, the tuition in the Lower School has been increased twenty-five dollars, and in the Upper School fifty dollars. The board and tuition charge was increased fifty dollars. It was understood that with these new rates some additional scholarship help would have to be provided for boys already in School. Our patrons have been most understanding and cooperative.

It has been a year of many and varied activities. The academic work of the School on the whole has gone ahead satisfactorily. The only Rhode Island boy to win honorable mention in the Westinghouse Science Talent Search, a Moses Brown senior also won an honorary college scholarship for standing third highest nationally among 42,112 competitors in the Pepsi-Cola Scholarship Competition. Another senior, ranking third in Rhode Island, won a four-year college scholarship in the same competition.

Stimulus to the cultural and intellectual life of the School has been supplied in many ways. Monthly throughout the year the dining room has been a gallery for the exhibition of the works of locally and nationally known artists. Besides the regular Monday assemblies for talks on current affairs, other speakers have addressed the School on a variety of subjects. Participation in the Current Affairs Test sponsored by TIME Magazine brought honor to the top boy in each of the five Forms.

Upper and Lower School boys and faculty have shared

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in many activities for the benefit of needy people at home and abroad. In the fall more than a ton of clean, mended personal clothing, shoes and blankets was collected and sent to the American Friends Service Committee for distribution in Hungary. Faculty and students have also contributed almost $1400 to the Community Fund, Red Cross, Service Committee, and a number of special projects in which the Student Activities Committee has had a continuing interest.

Immediately after the spring holiday, the combined clubs of Lincoln and Moses Brown presented "An Evening of Gilbert and Sullivan." The second part of this program was the presentation of Trial by Jury, under the direction of Editha Thomas. A matinee and two evening performances netted between five and six hundred dollars for the European Relief Program of the American Friends Service Committee.

From point of view of games won, the athletic program has been only moderately successful, although there have been some outstanding exceptions. One student retained his title as national preparatory school champion in the shot put; another won third place in the national championship half mile; and a third retained his state championship title in wrestling.

In Fourth Month the Quaker Headmasters met at Moses Brown School for a two-day conference which included luncheon at Brown University and tea at Lincoln School. This informal organization brings together headmasters of the Quaker schools along the eastern seaboard. There are opportunities for discussion of mutual problems, fellowship and inspiration.

There has been considerable maintenance, repair, and improvement of the school property, and substantial additions have been made to the equipment of the classrooms and dormitories. It is the policy of the Committee and the administration, even in these times of inflated prices, to maintain the property and the equipment in good condition, and to make such improvements as our means permit for the efficient conduct of the School.

The re-registration and registration of new pupils for next year has been excellent and it would appear that with the possible exception of Belmont, which is always a variable, the School will be full.

The kindness of friends has added materially to the School in gifts of books, a wire recorder, and $1000 for the Library Fund. We very much appreciate the interest and generosity of our friends.

With the distressing world political situation and the threat of compulsory military service, our older boys now face additional uncertainties in making their plans for the future. No doubt we shall again have some of the problems which were so difficult during the war years. More than ever our students will require all the intelligent guidance and spiritual help which sympathetic, concerned teachers can give them. We are living in challenging times and only by the closest cooperation among Committee, parents, and teachers can we give these boys the help which they so much deserve.

Respectfully submitted, for the School Committee,

L Ralston Thomas

L. Ralston Thomas, Headmaster

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A meeting of the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School was held at the Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, Sixth Month 24, 1948, at 9 P.M., Alexander C. Purdy presiding.

The following were present: Edith L. Buffum, Susan L. Dow, Henry C. Foster, Phebe F. Perry, Marion S. Cole and L. Ralston Thomas.

The Scholarship Committee, consisting of Edith L. Buffum, Frances E. Wheeler, Marion S. Cole and L. Ralston Thomas, made its report which was approved. There is available this year $3400. This sum was divided between the Schools, on the basis of the number of Friends' children enrolled (Lincoln School 12, Moses Brown 6).

Inasmuch as the reports from the two Schools had already been printed, in accordance with the new policy of the Yearly Meeting, they were not read to the School Committee. It was recommended that, when the reports came before the Yearly Meeting, the Headmistress and Headmaster supplement them informally by discussion of any items which seemed of especial interest.

The Headmaster read a memorial to Rufus M. Jones which had been prepared for the Committee. It was recommended that, if the Clerks of the Permanent Board and Yearly Meeting approved, this memorial should be read to the Yearly Meeting at the time the school reports are presented.

Adjourned.

L Ralston Thomas

(Signed) L. Ralston Thomas
Recording Clerk

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MOSES BROWN SCHOOL
PROVIDENCE, R. I.
L. RALSTON THOMAS, HEADMASTER

To the Committee in Charge of Moses Brown School:

Enrollment - In 1927-28 there were 405 students at Moses Brown School. This was an all-time record. This year again the School opened with 405 boys. One boy has since dropped out. Twenty years ago there were some double classes in the Lower School, so that its total was 195, with an Upper School registration of 210. This year at the opening there were 179 boys in the Lower School and 226 in the Upper. All Lower School grades are full although there are only 12 boys in Belmont as compared with 13 last year, and a reasonable capacity of 16. There are 73 in the Upper School resident group, an increase of two over last year. This increase was made possible by the fact that one of the masters supervising dormitory now lives outside and the room normally used for a resident master has been turned over to two boys.

It is interesting to note that in the Upper School the lower form classes are somewhat larger than usual and the two upper forms slightly smaller than during the last two or three years. This increase in the lower forms, although it is small, has created some serious problems in class sectioning and it is a question whether it will be advisable in the future to fix a definite limit on each form as well as an over-all maximum.

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Our boys come very largely from Rhode Island and Massachusetts, but seven states and the District of Columbia are represented, and seven countries outside the United States: Bahamas, Brazil, British West Indies, Cuba, France, Nicaragua, Venezuela.

In religious affiliations there are fourteen groups. In addition, twenty-eight boys indicated merely Protestant and eight do not show their religious preference. There are ten Friends, and Friends rate seventh in the list. For purposes of the record, the census for the last two years is listed in this report:

	1948-49	1947-48
Episcopal	135	140
Congregational	90	91
Catholic	56	56
Jewish	21	21
Baptist	18	17
Unitarian	13	10
Friends	10	6
Christian Science	7	7
Lutheran	5	3
Methodist	4	5
Presbyterian	4	4
Universalist	2	2
Greek Orthodox	2	1
Advent	1	-
Protestant	28	29
Unstated	8	7
Swedenborgian	-	1
	404	400

The enrollment is particularly satisfactory in view of the fact that the rates were increased last year and although definite figures are not yet available, it is our impression that no substantial increase in the amount of scholarship help has been necessary.

The number of boys staying at the School for their noon meal also has increased. The Dining Room and the so-called

East Dining Room were not sufficient to meet the demand for the second meal, and one table of First Form boys has had to be transferred to the earlier sitting.

Staff - Fortunately there were relatively few staff changes. In the Lower School, Louise E. Muscente has charge of the art and penmanship; she trained at the Rhode Island School of Design and has had experience teaching there and at Lincoln School. There are three new assistants in the Lower School: Mrs. Frances S. Duncan (Middle Tennessee Normal School for Teachers, Curry College), First and Second Intermediate Grades; Mrs. Adele G. Espo, graduate of Rhode Island State College, experience in several Rhode Island kindergartens, Pre-Primary; Mrs. Catherine E. Munn, Wheelock College graduate, practice teaching in schools in Cambridge and Brookline, First Primary.

In the Upper School, Howard C. Damon, M.A. from University of Maine, experience at Maine Maritime Academy and University of Maine, is teaching English this year; Charles E. Martin, M.A. from Teachers College, Columbia, experience at Kents Hill Junior College, is teaching Mathematics.

Five members of last year's staff have married: Virginia Martin (Lower School Art) and John Barton (English) Albert B. Cumming (Mathematics), Thomas Basford (Chef), Theodore S. Whitford (French). Mr. and Mrs. Whitford are occupying the apartment formerly used as an isolation infirmary in the house which has been known as The Cottage.

Summer Work - Each year it is our policy to undertake during the summer as much general maintenance, repair, and improvement as time and funds permit. This summer, in addition to the annual more or less routine painting, papering, plastering, the following projects were completed:

Lower School - All old radiation in classrooms replaced by modern vulcan units
All classrooms redecorated using completely new and attractive color combinations
Upper School - New bathroom on freshman corridor
Middle House - New bathroom for guest rooms
Reception Room and Teachers' Lounge redecorated
Kitchen and Dining Room - New ice cream mixer and freezing cabinet installed in bakeshop
Bakeshop painted
Stainless steel cabinet installed in kitchen
New six-unit electric coffee maker purchased
Four dozen sets plastic dishes purchased for experimental use in dining room

First Floor apartment in Cottage renovated

Iron Fence painted, Lloyd Avenue west of gate and along Hope

Flagpole painted and equipped with new halyards

Islesboro - The Anderson property, Moses Brown at Grindle Point, was opened this summer to get it ready for what we hope will be a full program next year. Charles and Suzanne Hutton were in charge. They had one camper and one Moses Brown graduate to assist with the work. The buildings and docks were given two coats of paint, the fields were cut and grass removed, and many small repairs made to the house and equipment. When we found that the group would be smaller than was anticipated, an effort was made to eliminate the campers and devote the summer to work on the property. One parent, however, insisted that her boy go along and it worked out very well. The Huttons

are enthusiastic about the possibilities and if we are successful in securing the kind of group we should like to have, the summer program will be an asset to the boys and to the School.

One unexpected last-minute summer job was the replacement of broken sections in a sewer north of the building. This work fortunately was not particularly difficult and we were ready for the teachers when they returned on Sunday, the nineteenth. The break this time was located quickly, but this incident points up the fact that our records indicating the location of some of our sewer lines are singularly incomplete. Some of these were put down more than fifty years ago, perhaps much more, and either records were not carefully made then or they have been lost over the years. It is probable that sometime new sewer lines will have to be laid.

The Lower School course in social science was revised last year and we are now following the new program from third grade to seventh inclusive. In this course of study, history and geography are closely correlated and the work is organized to avoid unnecessary over-lapping. We believe the present program will be more interesting and more effective. In the geography, for example, the work is organized in areas in which natural conditions and ways of living are similar rather than by the old-style political division. The plan provides for a progressive development in understanding, beginning with things with which the child already has familiarity. The texts are well planned and attractive.

There will be one other change in the Lower School program. Heretofore the opening exercises for each of the classes have been held in the classrooms. Beginning this year there is a formal assembly for the intermediate classes in Alumni Hall at the beginning of the day, two or three times a week. We believe this will give the exercises an added significance to the older boys.

Pensions - On Fifth Month 7, 1946, a pension plan was established for Moses Brown School. It applies to all members of the teaching, administrative, and office staffs. It does not apply to those who serve us in other capacities, as workmen on the grounds, house and kitchen and dining room service. It has, however, been a policy of the School to make some provision for those who, after many years of employment, have retired because of old age or other incapacity. To these loyal members of our service staff, it would be a source of great satisfaction if they knew definitely that some specific provision had been made for them, even though the amount for which they are eligible would be small. Would the Committee approve in principle our including these men and women in our pension program, leaving it to the Executive Committee to work out the details of the arrangement?

Fund Raising - The Committee consisting of Donald B. Snyder, William Webster, and the Headmaster, met in Boston last spring to discuss the procedures which might be followed to advantage in a fund raising program for Moses Brown School. Since that time the Executive Committee of the Lincoln School

has expressed its approval of a similar enterprise for Lincoln. It has been the thought that perhaps the two projects might be carried on together, possibly under the general supervision and with the assistance of some competent person selected for the job. Marion S. Cole will present this recommendation to the Committee. The organization should be independent of the school offices, inasmuch as at both Lincoln and Moses Brown the secretarial forces cannot assume the amount of extra work which would be entailed in the development of such a program. Full Committee expression would be welcome on this matter.

Finances - The Chairman of the Executive Committee will present the financial report for the academic year 1947-48. The budget for the current year should be available in a few weeks. It is recommended that, following the usual procedure, this be referred to the Executive Committee.

Compulsory Military Service - has now become a reality. The first registration of young men eighteen to twenty-five has been completed and as our boys reach their eighteenth birthday, it is now required that they should register. A young man is not eligible for induction until he is nineteen. If called to the armed forces he may, under the present rulings, be deferred until he has completed the college or school semester in which he finds himself. At this time only a few are being called, but it is probable that the rate of induction will be stepped up in the near future so that many and perhaps most of these boys will have their formal academic work interrupted and possibly all their plans changed. Most of our boys graduate before their nineteenth

birthday, but upon the secondary school rests the responsibility of advising and helping them to make the most of the alternatives which are available to them. It is a serious matter and we shall need all the spiritual strength and wisdom we have. There has never been a time when schools like ours have had a greater challenge.

Respectfully submitted,
L Ralston Thomas
Headmaster

A meeting of the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School was held in Alumni Hall, Moses Brown School Tenth Month 5, 1948. Alexander C. Purdy presided and the following members were present: Moses Bailey, Charles F.Brown, Edith L. Buffum, Susan L. Dow, Richard M. Gummere, Edward L. Macomber, Gren O. Pierrel, Donald B. Snyder, Virginia Townsend, Frances E. Wheeler, Lucia A. Wheeler, Lyra T. Wolkins.

Excuses for absence were received from Bruce M. Bigelow, T. Dwight Boole, Henry C. Foster, Phebe F. Perry, Margaret G. Sisson, Thomas A. Tripp, William Webster, Charles H. White, Walter H. Wood.

At the opening of the meeting the Clerk welcomed Virginia Townsend, who was attending her first meeting following her appointment by the Yearly Meeting in Sixth Month.

Thomas A. Tripp was absent because of a cold. The Recording Clerk was asked to send him greetings on behalf of the Committee and congratulate him on the occasion of his ninety-first birthday (Tenth Month 8, 1948).

The Clerk informed the Committee that Moses Bailey is to go to Palestine as a representative of the American Friends Service Committee. The AFSC is very much concerned about the displaced Arabs in Palestine. Moses Bailey will make a survey of conditions there and report on the possibilities of establishing an effective relief program for them. The Committee is honored that one of its members and a graduate of the School should have been selected for this important and delicate task. He will take with him our prayers for the success of his mission.

The Minutes of the meetings held at Moses Brown School Fifth Month 4th and at Andover, Massachusetts, Sixth Month 24th were approved as circulated.

Frances E. Wheeler, reporting for the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of officers and committees for the year 1948-1949:

Clerk - Alexander C. Purdy
Recording Clerk - L. Ralston Thomas
Executive Committee - Charles H. White, Thomas A. Tripp, Donald B. Snyder, Lyra T. Wolkins, Edith L. Buffum, Gren O. Pierrel, Frances E. Wheeler, Bruce M. Bigelow, Alexander C. Purdy, ex-officio.
Trustees of Lincoln School - Moses Bailey, Edith L. Buffum, Susan L. Dow, Rufus M. Jones, Edward L. Macomber, Gren O. Pierrel, Alexander C. Purdy, Margaret G. Sisson, Phebe F. Perry, L. Ralston Thomas, Frances E. Wheeler, Lucia A. Wheeler, Charles H. White, Virginia Townsend, Lyra T. Wolkins.
Endowment Committee - Thomas A. Tripp, Phebe F. Perry, Charles F. Brown, Edith L. Buffum.
Finance Committee - Thomas A. Tripp, Gren O. Pierrel, Charles H. White, Walter H. Wood.
Scholarship Committee - Frances E. Wheeler, Edith L.Buffum, Marion S. Cole, L. Ralston Thomas.

For one year, appointed by the School Committee (see Minutes 52-54 of 1939 Minutes): T. Dwight Boole, Bruce M. Bigelow, William Webster, Richard M. Gummere,

The Committee's recommendations were approved.

The Memorial to Rufus M. Jones prepared by the Headmaster for presentation to the Yearly Meeting and previously approved by the Committee at its meeting in Andover, Massachusetts, was read for the benefit of those members who had not heard it.

The Headmaster and the Headmistress made their reports.

The financial report of Moses Brown School and excerpts from the Minutes of the Executive Committee were presented by Gren O. Pierrel, Chairman of the Executive Committee.

This Committee approves in principle an increase in the insurance carried on the Moses Brown property and contents. The Executive Committee was authorized to take such action as seemed to it proper when it has received the report of the survey made at the request of Charles H. White.

The Hartford National Bank and Trust Company has applied to the Court in Hartford for instructions as to the disposition of the surplus which has accumulated in the Trust established by Walter R. Jones. As the School has a substantial residuary interest in this Trust, James W. Carpenter of Day, Berry & Howard, Counsellors at Law in Hartford, has been engaged to represent our interests in this matter.

The question raised by the Headmaster with respect to the pension program (to include the service staff along with the teaching, administrative and office staffs) was referred to the Executive Committee for further investigation.

The recommendation that the budget for the current year be referred to the Executive Committee in accordance with our usual procedure was approved.

Marion S. Cole presented the report of the Executive Committee of Lincoln School. This committee, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, requests authority to set up a fund raising program for Lincoln School similar to that under consideration for Moses Brown. It is believed that it will be to the advantage of both Schools to carry on the two projects under the same general supervision and with the same professional advice. The request was approved and further study will be given the matter.

It was agreed that the regularly appointed meetings of the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School for this year shall be held Fifth Month 3, 1949, at the Yearly Meeting in Sixth Month at a time to be fixed by the calendar committee, and Tenth Month 4, 1949. It is understood that if a mid-winter meeting is necessary or desirable, the Clerk may call it.

The meeting adjourned.

Recording Clerk

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A meeting of the Executive Committee of Moses Brown School was held at the School Eleventh Month 8, 1948, at 4:15. Present: Bruce M. Bigelow, Gren O. Pierrel, Frances E. Wheeler, Charles H. White. Excuses for absence were received from Lyra T. Wolkins, Edith L. Buffum, Thomas A. Tripp.

Gren O. Pierrel was named Chairman of the Committee for the academic year 1948-1949.

The Headmaster presented a report of the Expenditures for the three months period Seventh Month 1, 1948 - Ninth Month 30, 1948, and the comparison with the Budget for the period. It was suggested, in order to simplify the comparison of Budget and Expenditures, that the two columns under these headings be interchanged: i.e., that the Budget figures be shown first, then the Expenditures, then the plus or minus differences.

The Budget for 1948-49 was considered. This shows an anticipated income of $305,000 and a total expenditure, including Pension Fund, of $301,000. After a discussion of some of the items in the Schedules, the Budget was approved.

The Headmaster recommended that during the current year two additional projects be undertaken:

1 - Completion of the grading at the northeast corner of the Middlers' Field to improve the field for baseball.

Fill has been accumulating here for a number of years and substantial progress has been made in grading up beyond the corner of the field.

2 - Construction of a parking lot in the area east of the Barn now used as a "skating rink."

The area designated as a parking lot years ago has been used for five years for the coal pile and it is probable that it will continue to be used for this purpose indefinitely.

The skating rink has not been useful in recent years because of the difficulty of retaining water and the climatic conditions. With a small amount of work this could be made into a reasonably satisfactory parking area.

The Committee approved these projects and authorized the expenditure of a sum not to exceed $1,000 for the work.

The question of pensions for the service and maintenance staff, which was referred to this committee by the School Committee in Tenth Month, was discussed. The Headmaster was asked to secure information as to procedures in other independent schools. It was suggested, also, that he consult William H. Edwards re "the outlook for Social Security in schools and colleges." The question was referred to a later meeting for further discussion.

The matter of additional fire insurance was discussed. The Committee confirmed its earlier decision to increase the amount of insurance now held by the School, referring the matter to the sub-committee (Gren O. Pierrel, Charles H. White, L. Ralston Thomas) with authority to take such action as they think proper when they have Charles H. White's report on the survey of the property.

The letter of Tenth Month 8th, from Day, Berry & Howard, our attorneys in Hartford, regarding the Walter Jones case, was brought to the attention of the Committee. The Chairman and the Headmaster reported briefly on its content.

The next meeting will be held at the call of the Chairman.

Adjourned.

L Ralston Thomas

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At a meeting of the Executive Committee of Moses Brown School held Second Month 1, 1949 Gren O. Pierrel presided and the following members were present: Bruce M. Bigelow, Edith L. Buffum, Donald B. Snyder, Charles H. White, Lyra T. Wolkins. Excuses for absence were received from Thomas A. Tripp, Frances E. Wheeler.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as circulated.

Walter R. Jones Estate - Letters from James W. Carpenter of Day, Berry & Howard, counsellors at law, Hartford, Connecticut, were considered. Approval was given to the Headmaster's reply of First Month 21st to Mr. Carpenter's letter of First Month 18th, indicating our consent to a fund of $750.00 to be set aside by the trustees from the income of the Walter R. Jones Estate for the use of Gertrude R. Jones, as described in Mr. Carpenter's letter of the 18th.

In a letter under date of First Month 21, 1949 Mr. Carpenter discussed at some length the legal aspects of the application of the Hartford National Bank & Trust Company to the courts for direction as to the use of accrued income in the Walter R. Jones Trust account. In closing his letter Mr. Carpenter said: "I favor making an offer to divide the excess income equally with the sister." It was the consensus of the Committee that it accept this recommendation and the Headmaster will advise Mr. Carpenter of the decision.

Fire Insurance - Charles H. White read the report of Ronald J. Smith who had been engaged to appraise the Moses Brown School property for insurance purposes. As a matter of record, Mr. Smith's reply will be filed with these Minutes. Copies of the letter are already in the hands of members of the Committee.

There was a general discussion of the report. It was the opinion of some members of the Committee that Mr. Smith had not made sufficient allowance for depreciation on the buildings.

The Committee agreed unanimously, however, that the insurance now carried is inadequate and that steps should be taken immediately to increase the amount by whatever sums the present companies are willing to accept, but not in excess of a million dollars. The matter was referred to the sub-committee (Charles H. White, Gren O. Pierrel, L. Ralston Thomas) for further study and with authority to take whatever steps are necessary.

Employees' Pension - The Headmaster reported the results of replies received from twenty schools as to their policy in this matter. The subject was discussed briefly and referred to a later meeting for further consideration.

Budget - The statement of income and expense for the period Seventh Month 1, 1948 to Twelfth Month 31, 1948 compared with the Budget and the cash account for the same period was presented.

Religious Preference - The Headmaster read a letter from William H. Edwards to Marion S. Cole, Headmistress of Lincoln School, in which he discussed the legal aspects of the question on the Schools' application blanks with reference to religious affiliation. Apparently the School has the legal right to ask such a question and it was the unanimous opinion of the Committee that the custom of inquiring as to the religious preference of the applicants for admission to the School, should be continued.

The Committee adjourned at 6:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Clerk

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January 10, 1949

Mr. Charles H. White
704 Old Colony Building
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Sir: Re: Moses Brown School

On the following sheet, is an appraisal of sound value made for insurance purposes, as to the several buildings at Moses Brown School, Hope Street and Lloyd Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island.

Inasmuch, as the main group comprises a range of brick buildings all adjoining and communicating, we have set forth the aggregate estimated cost or reconstruction, $1,195,966.00. These buildings were built at different times and while the original building, Middle House, is said to have built as long ago as the year 1819, it is still in good repair and in thoroughly usable condition.

After full reflection, we have set a depreciation of only 25% on this range of buildings, having in mind the fact that while all buildings adjoin and are cut off from each other imperfectly, the chances of a sweeping fire resulting in a total loss are remote. You might, therefore, like to bear in mind that as to a substantial partial loss, the insurance carrier would be greatly interested in the whole value (for co-insurance consideration) and that it might be inclined to try to depreciate the cost of a major repair in like proportion to the depreciation taken in estimating value. This phase, is strictly beyond our province in the matter of an appraisal, but the buildings are in good condition and we feel that the modest depreciation taken is warranted under all the circumstances.

As to the other buildings, we believe that the depreciation shown in each case is appropriate.

We trust that the appraisal as presented is satisfactory for your purpose.

Very truly yours,

Ronald J. Smith

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Attachment

INSURANCE APPRAISAL

Main group:- Brick, all adjoining and communicating, partially sprinklered, generally heavy joist construction, some buildings approaching obsolesence but all far from obsolete, excellently maintained and in use.
Estimated re-construction Cost:

Lower School, two story	$128,116.00	
" " three story	141,934.00	
Connecting structure	14,190.00	
Laboratory, three story	111,417.00	
West Wing, three story	161,632.00	
Middle House, four story	161,543.00	
East Wing, three story	176,981.00	
Alumni Hall, three story	300,153.00	
	$1,195,966.00	
Less Depreciation, 25%	298,991.00	
	$896,975.00	$896,975.00
Other Buildings:-		
Art building and Shop	30,672.00	
Less depreciation, 25%	7,668.00	
	23,004.00	23,004.00
Hawes Gymnasium	139,260.00	
Less depreciation, 15%	20,889.00	118,371.00
Boiler House, Boilers and Stack (Music Room)	64,714.00	
Less depreciation, 15%	9,707.00	55,007.00
Front Dwelling, nearer Boiler House	26, 460.00	
Less depreciation, 30%	7, 938.00	18,522.00
Dwelling	31, 500.00	
Less depreciation, 30%	9, 450.00	22,050.00
Play House & Old Gym, concrete block and Helper's quarters	27,600.00	
Less depreciation, 25%	6,900.00	20,700.00
Service Room, adjoining Play House	22,500.00	
Less depreciation, 25%	5,625.00	16,875.00
		$1,171,504.00

Ronald J. Smith

January 12, 1949

Mr. Charles H. White
704 Old Colony Building
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Sir: Re: Moses Brown School

At your request we made an appraisal for insurance purposes of the real property of Moses Brown School, and we have delivered that appraisal to you, setting the depreciated sound value of the several buildings enumerated in it at the sum of $1,171,504.00. These figures were reached on a most conservative basis, and we feel that actually the delivery of that appraisal completed the work we contracted to do.

However, after conference with you we found other circumstances involved, and we feel constrained to report you further and perhaps a little discursively.

After a conference with the School authorities, in which Mr. Herbert W. Jackson participated, we found that there is presently carried fire insurance in the sum of...$430,000.00, and that the policies are all subject to the Ninety Per Cent Reduced Rate Contribution Clause.

We found too that the policies cover "On all the buildings "
" of the Moses Brown School....... and on all additions...."
" and on all contents ...situated on the North side of "
" Lloyd Avenue, Providence, R. I. "
" The insurance also covers "personal property belonging to"
" the principal and teachers. "

We were not asked to make, and we made no appraisal of any personal property, but we found that many years ago such an appraisal had been made by the American Appraisal Co. and that the sum then set was in excess of $100,000.00. Our judgment now would be that the personal property should be valued at not less than	150,000.00
Add to this our building valuation	1,171,504.00
This would make a total value of	1,321,504.00
For the purposes of easy calculation this sum might be reduced to and called	1,300,000.00
The requirements of the 90% Co-Insurance Clause being	1,170,000.00

which in our opinion is the minimum insurance required to enable the School to make a full collection of any loss, less than Ninety Per Cent of VALUE.

It will be seen therefore that, with coverage of only $430,000.00 carried, against $1,170,000.00 required, the coverage is but 36.75% of the required amount, and the School might anticipate its becoming a Co-Insurer in the event of loss to that extent. In other words, the School could be required to stand (say) 63% of any loss that might occur.

The main group of buildings comprise a trifle less than 80% of the whole value, and in theory (and conceivably actually) this group is, in insurance parlance, subject to one fire. The Hawes Gymnasium comprises roughly 10% of the whole value, and is most definitely subject to one fire. We are far beyond our province in this matter, but, without our entering into the dangerous realm of prophesy, we can envisage a fire in the main group of buildings that could range through the entire roof space (which is not under sprinkler protection), and, the tremendous area considered, get beyond the control of the firemen. Again eschewing prophesy, without such a fire literally wrecking the buildings, it not difficult to imagine a damage of $100,000.00 from a fire not at any time actually out of control. The School's proportion of this loss needs no calculation. Perhaps without intending offence, and having regard to certain of the tenets of the Friends, we may venture to suggest that the School is gambling an entirely possible, and far from improbable loss of (say) $63,000.00 against a known annual cost of adequate insurance coverage.

The Insurance Company records of school fires show huge losses in much more modern structures and we feel that there is little more need for us to dwell on this phase. Large unbroken areas, such as prevail in the main buildings, and in certain of the other buildings, produce fires, which when once in progress, become most serious.

As to the sprinkler protection and fire protection generally, Mr. Jackson will probably prefer that I leave comment to him. However, it should be said that dormitories bring about difficult conditions in the early and crucial stages of fire, rescue work often, and properly giving way to actual fire extinguishment, and this is something to be borne in mind. Fire gains rapidly under such circumstances.

We found that the rate used by the Companies is an extremely low one, so low in fact, that it compares with the rates on down-town fire-resistive buildings under much better protection. Under no circumstances should any step be taken that might disturb that rate. The rate, .60¢% for a five year period, clearly means that $1,000,000.00 can be purchased for $1200.00 per annum, a sum so small in view of the liability assumed by the Companies that our only suggestion is that the insurance be revised by an appropriate sum forthwith.

In addition to the $430,000.00 coverage on the School buildings proper, there seems to be carried insurance of $2500.00 on one of the two dwellings on the school ground, and $8000.00 on the other. In our opinion, the $430,000.00 coverage is broad enough to include these two buildings. We have not considered the dwelling at #307 Hope Street, apparently covered for $20,000.00.

None of the policies examined by us carry the Extended Cover endorsement, giving insurance against Windstorm and the other hazards comprehended in that endorsement, which is no doubt familiar to you, and contrary to our usual practice, we suggest that you take no steps to get such coverage, lest it disturb your present rate. There is truly some possibility of extensive damage from one of those hazards under circumstances within our imagination, but with your eyes open, we feel that you might be well advised to assume such hazards.

It is our opinion and recollection that the present favorable rate was arrived at a number of years ago as the result of competition between different groups of Companies, Stock and Mutual, the rate being promulgated by the Rating organization then serving Stock Companies only, and we question most seriously any possibility of the rate being sustained were the rate to considered again at this time. It must be remembered that in our discussion of insurance cost we have not considered the dividend factor, but all of your present insurance carriers are Mutual Companies, all, as far as we know, still crediting you with dividends, although loss experience has caused reduction of the dividend by some Companies.

To summarize, we do not feel that there is any safe course open to the School other than the immediate increase of the fire insurance carried to a sum of not less than $1,000,000.00. The actual requirement is $1,170,000.00, but we feel that the $1,000,000.00 figure would be considered as substantial compliance with the requirement unless the loss were relatively tremendous. Your Committee has a most serious responsibility in this matter and we suggest most respectfully that the best advice it can give is that the funds for the purchase of sufficient insurance be provided, and the insurance arranged, to be written under the same form as is on the present policies. These are as comprehensive as they can possibly be, but they do not cover, as we have mentioned, the Extended Cover risks.

You personally are familiar with the Ninety Per Cent Reduced Rate Contribution Clause, to which all of your insurance is subject, but your co-committeemen may not be. To reduce the Clause to a few words, it requires that the Assured carry insurance up to 90 % of the actual value, and that failing to do so, shall be a Co-Insurer (with the Insurance carrier) for the difference between the amount that should be insured and the amount that is insured, and shall bear that proportion of any loss. Thus, insurance required, (Value $10,000.00) $8000.00; Insurance carried, $5000.00. Assured would thus bear 3/8ths of any loss that occurred. This example is for the 80% Clause which operates similarly. The correct example for the 90% Clause would obviously be, insurance required, $9000.00, insurance carried, $5000.00, the Assured bearing 4/9ths of any loss. Were the loss $5000.00 under the latter example, Assured would collect $2777.77, he standing the difference, $2222.22 himself. The clause eliminates itself as a matter of mere arithmetic when the loss reaches 90% of the actual value.

We trust that this letter has not been too discursive to be of use to you.

Very truly yours,

Ronald J. Smith

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MOSES BROWN SCHOOL
PROVIDENCE, R. I.
L. RALSTON THOMAS, HEADMASTER

To the Committee in Charge of Moses Brown School:

The most interesting experiment the School has undertaken this year is the reading program which began the first of this month in the Lower School. Although all tests indicate that the reading levels of our elementary groups are at or above the independent school norms, the teachers have been convinced that the variation within each grade is so great that some other program would work to the advantage of both the slower and the more accomplished pupils.

In Third Month Harriet M. Wilson, who has charge of the Third Grade, spent a week in Philadelphia attending the Reading Clinic at Temple University. The information which she brought back was used as a basis for faculty discussions. A conference was held with a representative of one of the leading textbook companies, and new reading material obtained. For the remainder of this year the Lower School boys will be divided into reading groups according to their level of accomplishment. The texts which are being used are designed in point of interest and difficulty to satisfy the need of each group. The classes have been organized to meet at the same period throughout the Lower School so that boys may be assigned to reading groups without regard for their normal class placement in other subjects. In addition to the classroom work itself, students will be encouraged to read for pleasure, and specific books will be suggested to individual boys. It is hoped and believed that students will make more rapid progress, will

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develop sounder reading habits, and will become more enthusiastic readers. If this experiment is successful, the Lower School schedule next year will be modified to permit the continuation of this program through the year.

The whole problem of student reading, especially at the secondary and higher level, has become a very serious one. Although the School requires the students at all levels to meet certain definite reading assignments, the amount of reading for pleasure among otherwise capable boys is steadily diminishing, and many secondary school graduates are entering college with a minimum of reading experience and with little appreciation of the pleasure which may be derived from books. There is so much competition for a schoolboy's time that choices have to be made, and unless he really likes to read, he does not make the opportunity to do so. The sporting pages and newspaper "funnies," the so-called "comics," the "movies," the radio and now television, with all his social activities and school assignments leave him precious little time for serious reading unless he is willing to make a choice in favor of a good book. This lack of experience in reading is reflected in his writing, in formal work in English, and in the languages. If we can improve the interest and enthusiasm of a few boys, it will be well worth the effort.

The college admissions situation as affecting the men continues to be confusing and confused. The really good students, of whom there are a few, have no difficulty in gain-

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ing admission to the colleges and universities of their choice. These institutions are especially interested, however, in the boy who is not only a good student but who has, as well, a variety of interests and has participated in a number of school and community activities. They want the all-round person. It is the middle group which provides us with the problems. These are boys who have the ability to do an entirely satisfactory grade of college work but are not outstanding.

The college and university representatives on the College Entrance Examination Board voted by a narrow margin, this year, to permit a candidate to indicate a somewhat wider choice of college. In theory this made it possible for the boy to give more than one first choice and receive proper consideration by all the institutions indicated. In practice the boy who is rejected by one college has reduced his chances of acceptance by the other colleges, for having more than one first choice. Because of this situation the senior class adviser has tremendous responsibility. Basil G. Meserve, who does this work at Moses Brown, deserves great credit for the success we have had with our college candidates.

This year there are forty-eight students in our senior class, of whom ~~about~~ forty-three probably will receive diplomas. Of this number thirteen already have been accepted by the colleges of their choice. The results of the spring examinations which the others have taken are not yet available. We are not concerned about the college standards' being too high. Indeed, many of us feel that there has been a slow but

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steady drop in academic standard for admission. We are very much concerned in many instances about the administration of the admissions policies.

There is another matter to which everyone associated with the independent school or the privately endowed colleges should give very serious thought. We all agree that there should be come equalization of educational opportunity throughout the nation; that a boy or girl of real ability should not be denied the opportunity for higher education simply because the parents are in the lower economic brackets. The report of the President's Commission on Higher Education, if its recommendations are enacted into law, opens the way, however, for a lowering of educational standards and also increases the danger of federal interference in the programs of the schools and colleges. The use of federal and state funds to assist non-public schools is a serious threat to the independence of those schools as a group. In many states there already are movements to invest in boards or individuals the right to approve or disapprove privately endowed schools and colleges. In these states the regulations already promulgated seem reasonable, but unlessthere are definite limits established in the Act, the schools are left at the mercy of the administrative officers. In any case the tendency is a dangerous one. It is more general than many people think and it is a matter of which this Committee and all other school boards should be aware.

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MOSES BROWN SCHOOL
PROVIDENCE, R.I.
L. RALSTON THOMAS, HEADMASTER

During the year faculty and students have engaged in many interesting and constructive activities. Members of the Moses Brown staff have visited some eighteen or twenty other schools, attending their classes, discussing mutual problems with teachers and administrative officers. These visits are important. Teachers bring back new ideas and enthusiasms. They see opportunities to improve our own work. But equally important, they find that other schools have problems similar to ours and in many cases find that our work stands up well by comparison. Teachers are encouraged also to attend educational conferences and to bring back resumes and reports of what they have seen and heard. These reports frequently form the basis of general faculty discussion.

Some of the faculty interests this year are indicated in the following paragraphs.

In Eleventh Month a meeting of the local chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French was held at the School. At another time the Moses Brown School was host to the Junior Alliance Française, to which a number of our students belong.

In the fall the two-day meeting of the secretaries of the Friends Schools and the Friends' Council on Education was held at Moses Brown. Elisabeth G. Weeks represented the School in this.

Moses Brown has been represented in the list of officials of educational groups. The Headmaster was vice president this year of the Headmasters Association.

William Paxton was the Moses Brown representative at the inauguration of Mr. John Mason Kemper as headmaster of Phillips Academy, Andover, in Tenth Month.

Arthur W. Cate is vice president of the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French, and also Rhode Island Contest Chairman for the National Contest held in Fourth Month, involving some 36,000 contestants in 1012 schools all over the country. He is also one of the three governors of

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this district for the Cum Laude Society.

Theodore S. Whitford has for two years been responsible for the organization of the New England Swimming Championships, including both public and independent schools.

F. Warren Howe, Jr., has been an official in the State and the Private Schools Track Associations.

W. Jay Kennedy, Director of Music in the Upper School, has had charge of the community chorus in East Greenwich this year.

Louise Winsor Moore, in charge of Lower School music, has made a number of professional appearances as accompanist in distinguished recitals.

Members of the faculty have been active also in community organizations - the World Affairs Council, Foreign Service Section of the American Red Cross, and in a number of church organizations and welfare groups. These activities bring the School closer to the community.

Students have participated in a great variety of activities. The annual collection of clothing for the American Friends Service Committee and of money for the Good Will Fund and the American Red Cross were most successful.

Fifth Form boys took part in the State Model Legislature, participated in the World Affairs Week activities, and as part of their regular work in history have visited the legislature and the courts.

During the winter students of the four independent schools in Providence, under their regular instructors, sang the first part of Handel's "Messiah." This was first produced at Wheeler School and later at Moses Brown. It was the first time the four schools had joined in an enterprise of this kind and it was most successful.

Two of our boys played also in the concerts given by the All-State Band.

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MOSES BROWN SCHOOL
PROVIDENCE, R.I.
L. RALSTON THOMAS, HEADMASTER

Just before the spring holiday students of Moses Brown and of Lincoln School gave three performances at Lincoln of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town." This was directed by Editha M. Thomas and was a thoroughly professional job, one of the best of the kind the Schools have done.

In the Upper School the regular weekly current affairs program was modified in the second half year to include, in alternate weeks, educational films for background material. Everett B. Raines is in charge of this program.

During the year also, Moses Brown joined the School Affiliation Service of the American Friends Service Committee and was assigned a school at Oberhausen-Sterkrade, Germany. This is an industrial town. The first step in the program was the initiation of correspondence between students of the two schools, and this should develop into more concrete expressions of our interest in boys of another land.

There is one new student organization. The Camera Club, under the supervision of Leonard E. Stout, now has an adequate laboratory and is acquiring some useful equipment. Many boys who are camera enthusiasts are working to make this a first-class extra-curricular activity.

At the request of many of its members, the Parents Council conducted an Exchange of seasonal clothing and sports equipment in the Lower School Gymnasium early in Twelfth Month. Responding to the announcement of the service, about seventy parents brought a large number of articles of clothing and equipment to the Gymnasium on receiving day, and at least one hundred fifty attended the Exchange on the two days of sale. It is proposed to hold an exchange for Lower School textbooks at the close of the term in Sixth Month.

The plays of the Proscenium Club at Christmas time, the Lower School Pageant, the spring Exhibition in Alumni Hall, the TIME Current Affairs Test, the athletic program - all the usual activities have been successfully carried on.

Throughout the year we have had a larger number of absences than usual, due to contagious disease and to epidemics of colds. The community has been full of measles and mumps since the beginning of cold weather and the School has had its full share, but fortunately with few serious illnesses.

At the beginning of the winter term the Mobile Unit of the State Health Department made X-Ray photographs of all the boys in the Upper School and of members of the staff and employees. No students and only four adults were required to report for further study by the doctors, and of these none was considered to have any active tuberculosis or other communicable disease.

Under the new restaurant code the schools are now required to register, to have periodic inspections, and to

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meet all the standards set up by the Board of Health. This is a good regulation. Our kitchen and dining rooms were approved excepting in one particular. According to the milk control regulations, it is necessary to serve milk which reaches the ultimate consumer in sealed containers. If we were to comply with these regulations, we could not serve milk to our boys in the dining room in pitchers but would have to use bottles on the tables, which would reduce the quantity of milk they now consume and substantially increase the price. Several of the schools, including Moses Brown, have protested this to the Department, which has investigated our method of handling milk, and until further notice we are permitted to serve it as at present.

The Air Pollution Board has recently notified us that we are not conforming to their regulations with respect to smoke from our engine-room stack. Care has been used in firing,and we believe that we are being blamed for smoke nuisance created by some of our neighbors. A careful log is now being kept and the matter will be discussed again with the inspectors. If they are not satisfied with the results, then we shall have to mix some anthracite with the coal we are now using, purchase coal with a lower percentage of volatility, or take some other measures. It may prove to be a difficult problem.

Maintenance - The cost of routine maintenance and repair has increased substantially over the past few years.

This is due both to cost of materials and to labor, principally the latter. It is, however, necessary to maintain buildings and equipment in good condition, even at the expense of desirable major alterations and improvements. There seems to be no immediate prospect of costs' being appreciably lowered.

Insurance - An appraisal of buildings and contents made this winter at the request of the Executive Committee, showed a depreciated value of $1,130,982.00. It is the opinion of the Committee and the administration that this figure is too high and that the appraisal has not made sufficient allowance for depreciation. This situation is now being studied by Charles H. White. It was the Committee decision, however, that the $430,000 insurance which we were carrying should, if possible, be doubled, and we were successful in securing an additional $420,000 at the extremely low rate which we have had on our insurance.

In looking forward to next year, there will be relatively few faculty changes. This is fortunate as it continues to be extremely difficult to secure qualified and experienced teachers. With dormitories which must be supervised by young men, one is further limited, and boarding schools generally are having a discouraging time in finding the kind of teachers they would like to have.

The re-registration for next year is generally satisfactory. It would appear now that the Lower School will be full with the possible exception of Belmont, the

Lower School house group. Several of the present Belmonters will go into the Upper School, two or three may not return, and there are, to date, relatively few candidates for that department. In the Upper School the re-registration is good, but has been somewhat slower than a year ago. Several of our present day boys will go away to boarding school and one or two house boys will not return. The number of new applicants for the house appears to be smaller than at this time last year. House boys, however, are frequently enrolled in the summer. If there is a net loss in the Upper School, it probably will be small. There have been more applicants for financial assistance this year and more help will have to be given. This has been anticipated.

Gifts - The School has been the recipient of a number of gifts of money, books, and other items.

In Second Month Jonathan M. Steere notified the Headmaster that he had established the Moses Brown School - Haverford College Scholarship which he had previously discussed. This is known at Haverford as the Jonathan M. Steere Scholarship; at Moses Brown it will be known as the Haverford Scholarship. The income from the fund which he has set up is to be used for a scholarship at Haverford for a graduate of Moses Brown School. Should the scholarship not be awarded any year to a graduate of Moses Brown, it may be awarded to someone else, preferably from New England, at the discretion of the College. Jonathan Steere is a graduate of Moses Brown School in the classof 1887 and of Haverford, 1890. He has

had a long-time interest in both institutions. This most generous gift should be an incentive for the abler Moses Brown boys to consider Haverford, and will help materially those who require financial assistance.

Another gift which should have special mention is a check for $1000 from Paul Levinger, the father of one of our boys. This sum has been put with our library funds to be used at the discretion of the School Committee for library purposes.

Finances - With this report are submitted the statement of income and expenditures and the cash account for the period Seventh Month 1, 1948 - Third Month 31, 1949.

Respectfully submitted,
L Ralston Thomas

Fifth Month 3, 1949

A meeting of the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School was held in Alumni Hall, Moses Brown School, Fifth Month Third, 1949. Alexander C. Purdy, Clerk, presided. The following members were present: Moses Bailey, Bruce M. Bigelow, T. Dwight Boole, Edith L. Buffum, Susan L. Dow, Henry C. Foster, Edward L. Macomber, Phebe F. Perry, Margaret G. Sisson, Donald B. Snyder, Virginia Townsend, Frances E. Wheeler, Lucia A. Wheeler, Charles H. White, Lyra T. Wolkins, Walter H. Wood.

Excuses for absence were received from Charles F. Brown, Richard M. Gummere, Gren O. Pierrel, Thomas A. Tripp.

The Minutes of the meeting held Tenth Month Fifth, 1948 were approved as circulated.

Frances E. Wheeler, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following report:

"The Nominating Committee suggests that the following names be considered at this time and, if approved, that the list be forwarded to the Nominating Committee of the Yearly Meeting in accordance with the permission granted in 1943, Minute 43, pages 24-25:

For three years - Phebe F. Perry, Alexander C. Purdy, Margaret G. Sisson, Charles H. White.

We also recommend that the School Committee appoint these four non-members of the Yearly Meeting, one-year appointment (for permission given, see Minutes 52-54, 1939): Bruce M. Bigelow, T. Dwight Boole, Richard M. Gummere, William Webster."

This report was approved and it was directed that the names of Phebe F. Perry, Alexander C. Purdy, Margaret G. Sisson, and Charles H. White be forwarded to the Nominating Committee of the Yearly Meeting for its approval. It was directed also that the names of the four non-members of the Yearly Meeting appointed to this Committee for one year, be sent to the Recording Clerk of the Yearly Meeting for inclusion in the Yearly Meeting Minutes.

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The Nominating Committee was reappointed for one year and the name of Donald B. Snyder was added. The Committee therefore consists of: Frances E. Wheeler, Chairman, Lyra T. Wolkins, Charles F. Brown, Edward L. Macomber, Donald B. Snyder.

There was some discussion as to vacancies on the School Committee. It was pointed out that there is neither a ruling nor an established policy with respect to the size of the Committee. The Nominating Committee was asked to give this matter some further consideration and if it has any additional recommendations, these should be made to the Executive Committee, which is hereby authorized to act in the matter, or to present the recommendations to the School Committee at its meeting at Yearly Meeting.

Marion S. Cole presented the report of Lincoln School and gave a brief summary also of the School's excellent financial condition.

The Moses Brown School report was given by L.Ralston Thomas, who read also excerpts from the Minutes of the Executive Committee, and a brief comparison of the budget with income and expenditures through Third Month 31, 1949. There were several expressions of appreciation for the reports and for the work of the Schools.

Some discussion of general educational problems followed. The Clerk asked Moses Bailey, who was in Palestine the first half of this academic year as a representative of the American Friends Service Committee, to make some remarks on his observations and experiences there. His talk was of great interest to the Committee.

The next meeting will be held at Andover, Massachusetts, at a time designated by the Calendar Committee of the Yearly Meeting. The Fall Meeting is scheduled for Tenth Month 4, 1949.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12 o'clock.

Recording Clerk

MOSES BROWN SCHOOL
PROVIDENCE, R. I.
L. RALSTON THOMAS, HEADMASTER

To the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends
the School Committee presents its 130th annual report

MOSES BROWN SCHOOL

The academic year 1948-1949 came to a close with Commencement Exercises on Sixth Month ninth. Dr. J. Edgar Park, President Emeritus of Wheaton College, gave the address. At the Baccalaureate Service on the fifth, Moses Bailey, a graduate of the School, was the speaker.

It has been a busy year. The total enrollment of 405 students has been equalled only once, and the Upper School was the largest in the history of the School. The registration was particularly satisfactory in view of the fact that rates were increased last year and no substantial increase in financial assistance was necessary. The School was divided as follows:

Upper School 226 (73 in the resident group, 153 day)
Lower School 179 (12 in Belmont, the resident department).

Our boys come very largely from Rhode Island and Massachusetts, but seven states and the District of Columbia are represented and eight countries outside the United States: Bahamas, Brazil, British West Indies, China, Cuba, France, Nicaragua, Venezuela.

In religious affiliation there are fourteen churches. The Society of Friends is seventh in the list.

Meetings for the boys and girls of the two Schools are held at Moses Brown approximately every other week throughout the school year. Alexander C. Purdy has been in charge of these services for many years.

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L RALSTON THOMAS, HEADMASTER

There were fortunately relatively few staff changes.

Each year it has been the policy of the Committee to undertake each summer as much maintenance, repair and improvement as time and funds permit. Last summer, in addition to the annual more-or-less routine painting, papering, and plastering, the following projects were completed:

Lower School - All radiation in classrooms replaced by modern vulcan units
All classrooms redecorated using completely new and attractive color combinations
Upper School - New bathroom on freshman corridor
Middle House - New bathroom for guest rooms
Reception Room and Teachers' Lounge redecorated
Kitchen and Dining Room - new ice cream mixer and freezing cabinet installed and other substantial additions to the equipment.
First Floor Apartment in Cottage renovated to provide for newly married master.

Considerable work has been done on the grounds during the year, and a new parking place provided for faculty cars.

Faculty and students have engaged in many interesting and constructive activities. Members of the Moses Brown staff have visited some eighteen or twenty other schools, attending classes and discussing mutual problems with teachers and administrative officers. These visits are important. Teachers bring back new ideas and enthusiasms, they see opportunities to improve their own work, but, equally important, they find that other schools have problems similar to ours and in most cases find that our work stands up well by comparison. Teachers also have been encouraged to attend educational conferences and to bring back resumes and reports of what they have seen and heard. These reports frequently form the basis of general faculty discussions.

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The School is attempting in all departments and in all classes to make a continuing study of its methods and to improve its work wherever possible.

In the fall the two-day meeting of the secretaries of the Friends Schools and the Friends Council on Education was held at Moses Brown. The School has acted as host also to local educational groups, and members of the faculty have been active in these and other organizations: World Affairs Council, Foreign Service Section of the American Red Cross, and in church organizations and welfare programs. These interests have brought the School closer to the community.

Students have made generous contributions to the annual collection of clothing for the American Friends Service Committee and of money for Quaker activities and for the Good Will Fund. The latter has been shared with local charities and with organizations in whose work Moses Brown boys have had a continuing interest.

Fifth Form boys took part in the State Model Legislature, participated in the World Affairs Week and, as part of their regular work in history and government, have visited the legislature and the courts.

In the winter students of the four independent schools in Providence, under their regular instructors, sang the first part of Handel's Messiah. The second performance of this was at a Moses Brown Vesper Service. It was the first time the four schools have joined in an enterprise of this kind. During the year Moses Brown and Lincoln School have maintained a close

relationship in formal and informal affairs. Just before the spring holiday students of the two Schools gave two performances of Thornton Wilder's Our Town, under the direction of Editha M. Thomas. This play, which has a universal appeal, was presented in a remarkably moving manner.

This year Moses Brown joined the School Affiliation Service of the American Friends Service Committee and was assigned a school at Oberhausen-Sterkrade, Germany. This is an industrial town. The first step in the program was the initiation of correspondence between the students of the two schools.

The Parents Council has continued to take an enthusiastic interest in the affairs of the School. At the request of many of its members, the Council conducted an exchange of seasonal clothing and sports equipment in Lower School early in Twelfth Month. At least 150 attended the exchange on the two days of the sale. An exchange of Lower School textbooks was held at the close of the term in Sixth Month. Managed by a committee of parents, this service has been much appreciated by the patrons of the School.

At the beginning of the winter term the mobile unit of the State Health Department made X-Ray photographs of all boys in the Upper School and all members of the staff and employees. No students and only four adults were required to report for further study by the doctors, and of these none was considered to have any active tuberculosis or other communicable disease. It is a service which we very much appreciate.

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Early in the year, at the request of the Executive Committee, an appraisal was made of buildings and contents. On the basis of the information thus secured, it was the Committee decision that the $430,000 insurance which we were carrying should, if possible, be doubled and we were successful in securing an additional $420,000.

The School has been the recipient of gifts of money, books, and other items. Jonathan M. Steere, a graduate of the School in the class of 1887, has established a Moses Brown School - Haverford College Scholarship which provides substantial financial assistance to a Moses Brown boy entering the freshman class at Haverford. This most generous gift should be an incentive for the abler Moses Brown boys to consider Haverford, and will help materially those who require financial assistance. Another gift which deserves special mention is a check for $1,000 from a patron of the School. This sum has been put with our library funds to be used at the discretion of the School Committee for library purposes.

We very much appreciate the gifts which come to us and the continued interest and generosity of our friends.

Respectfully submitted,
for the Committee,

L Ralston Thomas
Headmaster

6/1949

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A meeting of the Executive Committee of Moses Brown School (postponed from Fifth Month 18) was held Fifth Month 25, 1949. Those present were: Edith L. Buffum, Donald B. Snyder, Frances E. Wheeler. Excuses for absence were received from: Bruce M. Bigelow, Gren O. Pierrel, Thomas A. Tripp, Charles H. White, Lyra T. Wolkins.

Frances E. Wheeler reported for the Nominating Committee (see Minutes Fifth Month Third 1949). It was recommended that in addition to the four names (Phebe F. Perry, Alexander C. Purdy, Margaret G. Sisson, Charles H. White) approved by the School Committee at its meeting Fifth Month Third for three-year appointment to the Committee, there should be added the following: George I. Bliss, Cambridge, Massachusetts, for two years, and Frederick Buffum of Westerly, for two years, if it is determined that he is able and willing to serve. The nominations were approved and it was directed that the nominations should be forwarded to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee of the Yearly Meeting.

Insurance - As Charles H. White was not present, there was no report of the study which is being made of the Appraisers' Report. It has been the Committee's opinion that the depreciation indicated by the appraisers is not adequate.

Summer Work- The Headmaster reported that there would be the normal amount of general maintenance and repair: painting, papering, plastering, etc. It was recommended that in addition to this work, the following specific improvements and special maintenance projects be undertaken

(1) Bathroom - maids' quarters, third floor. This is antiquated and inadequate. It is proposed to increase the size of the room by shifting a partition between it and the room which is now used for ironing, and install new equipment: two basins, a tub, two toilets and a deep sink for washing clothes. Estimate - $1,500.

(2) New Cooling units for the kitchen iceboxes. The present equipment is 25 or 30 years old and must be replaced. The boxes themselves are in good condition. It will be necessary for us to install in these boxes new cooling units and to discard all the present equipment except the boxes themselves. The modern units are much smaller and more efficient. Some estimates have been obtained, but we are not yet satisfied and want to have the one which best suits our needs. The cost of this new equipment and installation will be about $1,200.

(3) New Board Track - Major repairs to Board Track. The track is now 25 years old. It has been under constant repair for several years but the time has come when a major job will have to be done in order to keep it safe. The heavy supports seem to be in good condition but the 2 x 4's and the surface should be entirely renewed. It may not be possible to secure the proper lumber for this work (surface). We estimate that it will cost about $1,500.

(4) Exterior Painting- Main Building: Sides, East and West Ends. Cost (firm quotation) $1,874.

(5) Painting Alumni Hall - Walls, trim, etc., but not the ceiling $632.

(6) Sidewalks - Some of our walks are in poor condition and should be resurfaced. It is proposed to improve the condition at the back door where the trucks unload, by building a low loading platform and repairing the walk from the back door to the road. The remainder of the money requested for this purpose, $1,000, should be used for other walks.

(7) Infirmary - New equipment for kitchen and dispensary, $150.

(8) Alumni Hall Stage - New curtains - estimate $300.

These projects were approved.

The Committee approved also the appointment of Gren O. Pierrel, Charles H. White, and the Headmaster a sub-committee with power, to consider the three-months budget (Seventh Month 1st - Ninth Month 30th) when it is ready for presentation in Sixth Month.

Grindle Point - Moses Brown at Grindle Point operated last summer with one camper. Advantage was taken of the opportunity to do considerable painting and general repair and maintenance. The property is in fine condition. The net cost for the year, including care and maintenance through the winter, was $2,671.76. This summer should be more successful financially, but the Committee has expressed its willingness to underwrite the project for such sums as may be necessary not in excess of $4,000.

In connection with the Walter R. Jones Estate, excerpts were read from the correspondence of James W. Carpenter of Day, Berry & Howard, Hartford, Connecticut, our attorney, indicating the compromises worked out by him and the attorney for Ethel M. Jones. Because of the many legal technicalities involved, this Committee does not feel that it is competent to make a considered judgment. Mr. Carpenter is to be informed that we must leave the matter in his hands to secure the best possible compromise, suggesting, however,

that we believe Ethel M. Jones should receive $2,000 rather than $2,500, in accordance with Mr. Carpenter's suggestion. We agree, also, that under any arrangement it should be understood that the principal at no time should be disturbed.

There was a brief discussion also of the race question as it applied to Moses Brown School. It was agreed that the matter should have serious consideration at an early date and, if possible, some decision should be reached as to policy and procedure, in order that the whole question may be worked out to the advantage of all.

Recording Clerk

A meeting of the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School was held at Andover, Massachusetts, Sixth Month 23, 1949, at the rise of the evening meeting. Alexander C. Purdy, the Clerk, presided, and the following members were present: Moses Bailey, Susan L. Dow, Henry C. Foster, Phebe F. Perry, Margaret G. Sisson, Virginia Townsend, Frances E. Wheeler.

L. Ralston Thomas and Marion S. Cole reported for the Scholarship Committee. Thirty-three hundred fifteen dollars was available for distribution. Of this, Moses Brown's share was $1441.30 and Lincoln School received $1873.70. Scholarships were assigned as follows: Cameron E. Gifford, $200; Paul K. Hartnett, $250; T. Barton Myers, $100; Carl W. Smith, $250; and to new students, not Friends, John Hetherington, $200; Armand A. Lavallee, $100; John O. Vanderhoop, $341. For the Lincoln School, C. Lois Hartnett, $250; Sibyl Totah, $250; Betty Wood, $250; Joy Totah, $250; Carol Smith, $150; $100 each to Joan Burgess, Marjorie Burgess, Robert S. Burgess, Jr., Anne Cool, Phebe Gifford, Caroline Perry. Carol Halewood received $41; Richard and Christine Hutton, together, $82. The recommendations of the Scholarship Committee were approved.

The Nominating Committee of the Yearly Meeting recommended that the name of Ruth Burgess be added to the list of nominations for the committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School. This was acceptable to the School Committee and the Recording Clerk was directed to inform the chairman of the Nominating Committee of our approval.

The meeting was adjourned about 9:45.

L Ralston Thomas

Recording Clerk

10/4/49

MOSES BROWN SCHOOL
PROVIDENCE, R. I.
L. RALSTON THOMAS, HEADMASTER

To the Committee in Charge of Moses Brown School:

A good beginning has been made on the new year at Moses Brown. The enrollment, however, is somewhat under last year's. In the spring it was decided that a maximum of 215 boys should be accepted into the Upper School and we have enrolled just 215. There are 67 boys in the Upper School house group as compared with 73 last year. In the Lower School every grade but one is full. In the Pre-Primary there are 12 boys instead of the 16 which we should like to have. This is due in part to the change which has been made in the minimum age - from 4½ to 5 years. The applications for registration in this group for next year already exceed our present enrollment. Belmont, the resident group in the Lower School, is small, with seven boys. This, we feel, is the only weak spot in the whole situation. Belmont always has been one of our problems, as the enrollment has fluctuated considerably from year to year. The total enrollment in the Lower School is 171 as compared with 179 at this time last year.

Financial aid in scholarships and special arrangements amounts to approximately 8% more than last year. Of the total, 15% is being granted to Friends who make up 2% of the enrollment. There are nine Friends, and a considerable number of boys with close Friendly connections.

Staff - There have been relatively few changes in the Faculty and in spite of the tremendous shortage of good teachers, we seem to have been fortunate in the new men and women who have joined the staff.

There are three new Upper School masters. Dana J. Blackwell, graduate of Tufts College, is teaching First and Fourth Form English and one class in First Form Latin. He is an experienced teacher, having taught at Mt. Hermon and Stony Brook. David F. Clapp, graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is teaching Mathematics. He comes to us from an assistantship in the Supersonic Laboratory at the Institute, with experience as boys camp counselor. Charles F. Mulkey, graduate of George Peabody College for Teachers and a graduate student there, comes to Moses Brown from an independent school in Tennessee. He is a member of the English Department, teaching Second and Third Forms.

Samuel H. Waughtel, who has been a teacher of Latin and Coach for thirty-five years, and for a considerable portion of that time the Athletic Director, has been relieved of his work in the lower Form Latin in order to give him a somewhat lighter program. He is continuing with his Third and Fourth Form Latin classes, and with the athletic program, even to the football coaching.

During the late war years Helen J. Paxton, who has for some years been the school Librarian, accepted a part-time teaching assignment for First Form English. She has done a splendid job. It was desirable to have a full-time man who

could carry additional classes and who would be available for the other duties of a boarding school master. Mrs. Paxton has therefore given up her English teaching and will continue as Librarian. With two children in School it was not always easy for her to set apart time for classroom teaching, and we are grateful to her, both for the quality of her work and for her cöoperation.

In the Lower School there are three new members of the staff. Guy R. Fish is in charge of the Fourth Intermediate. He is a graduate of the Farmington State Teachers College, has done graduate work in the University of Maine, and has had several years of excellent experience in Maine schools. Cornelia Sanders has been appointed as an assistant in the First and Second Intermediate Grades. She is a graduate of Pembroke College in Brown University, and has spent the last two and a half years teaching in the Kodaikanal School in India. Barbara O'Donnell, who has been associated with the School since the first of last year, as a tutor and special teacher and then as a full-time assistant in the Intermediate Grades, now has charge of the Third Intermediate Grade. Elizabeth Lee Jeffers is the Secretary in the Lower School. She has been a patron of the School for several years and her son is now in the Upper School. She was head of the Lincoln School Council last year.

During the summer two of our teachers traveled abroad. Madame Ducimétière Warge visited her family in France; Ruth M. Cook, our Resident Nurse, attended an international conference of nurses in Stockholm and traveled in Scandinavia, the Low Countries, and in the British Isles.

There are no marked changes in the school program. The experiment in reading, begun last spring throughout the Lower School, proved to be very satisfactory and is being continued. To this will be added this year other basic work at all levels. In connection with this project, eight teachers are going to Boston University one afternoon a week for the first half year to attend the course in Improvement of Reading conducted by Dr. Durrell and Miss Sullivan. This is one of the outstanding clinics of the country and the teachers should benefit tremendously by the experience. Eleven teachers applied for permission to take this work, but transportation could be provided for only seven and Mr. Allen. Two other teachers and the wife of one of the masters have enrolled for somewhat similar work at the Rhode Island College of Education. The School is most fortunate to have on its faculty so many experienced teachers who have the enthusiasm to undertake a program of this kind involving, as it does, considerable time, effort, and expense.

In speaking of faculty activities, perhaps it is proper to mention that the Headmaster has been designated to preside at the Luncheon Meeting of the Educational Reacords Bureau Conference in New York on the twenty-eighth of this month. He has recently been appointed a member of the Committee on Religious Education of the Rhode Island Council of Churches.

The Young Friends of the Providence Meeting, twenty-two in number, met at the School on Ninth Month 28th to discuss

with the Headmaster the program of the schools and Quaker education.

Summer Work - For the past several years at this meeting the Headmaster has reported that there has been an "unusual amount" of summer work. The general maintenance (painting, papering, and routine repairs) does not vary a great deal from year to year. There are each year, however, certain special projects, and an effort is made to include some definite improvements in the plant and equipment. The list for this summer is as follows:

Exterior Painting - Front and West end of Main Building
Alumni Hall
Studio

Interior Painting - Three Intermediate Classrooms in Main Building redecorated and
New Lighting installed in II Intermediate
Alumni Hall
East Dining Room
Boiler Room
Gymnasium Locker Rooms

Refinishing - - All classroom desks in Lower School
Classroom chairs in Upper School

Service Dormitory - New bathroom
New beds throughout

Equipment - - Two dozen dining room chairs

New Refrigerating System - retaining old "walk in" boxes
Former iceplant room refinished for storage

Repairs and Renewals - New cement loading platform at basement entrance and some new walks
Board Track rebuilt
New roof and flashings on Alumni Hall Wing and repairs to other sections of roof on Main Building.

At the opening of School this fall the Parents Council conducted an Exchange for clothing and sports equipment. This was the third "exchange" under the auspices of the Council. The School provided the space and sent out the notices. A committee of Council members with the assistance of other parents has organized and managed the work. The parents of our boys have been very much pleased with the opportunities which these exchanges have given them to dispose of their books, school material, clothing, sports equipment, even bicycles.

Walter R. Jones Estate - Our attorney in Hartford has given us no final report on his negotiations. A compromise is being made with respect to the disposition of the surplus which has accumulated in this estate. The details of this should be available in the near future.

School Affiliation - Under the School Affiliation Service of the American Friends Service Committee, Moses Brown last year adopted the Neusprachliches Gymnasium in Oberhausen-Sterkrade, Germany. There has been some correspondence between boys of the two schools and exchange of letters between the Director and the Headmaster. This program will be continued and it is hoped that more assistance may be given the German School.

In the report to the Yearly Meeting, announcement was made of the decoration which Arthur W. Cate received from the French Government in Fifth Month. He was awarded the Médaille d'honneur des Affaires Etrangères in recognition by the French

Government of the contribution he has made to Franco-American relations in the interpretation of France and the French people to Americans.

Since that time the School and members of the faculty have received Merci Train gifts as follows: To the School, a fine painting of Notre Dame, a gift of La ville de Paris et du Department de la Seine a L'Etat de Rhode Island; Arthur Cate, Madame Warge, and Mrs. Whitford have each received beautiful paintings. These gifts are in recognition of the contributions which the School and these individuals have made in fostering understanding and good will between the peoples of France and the United States.

We wish to acknowledge also the gift of a substantial quantity of excellent books by Lyra T. Wolkins, and a lithograph of the School by Agnes Ingram. The latter came to us through the good offices of Louisa White. We are most grateful for these tangible evidences of the good will of our friends.

Financial Report - The statement of income and expenditures with budget comparisons and the cash account for the fiscal year 1948-1949 is available. The report will be made by the chairman of the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

L Ralston Thomas

Headmaster

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The regular fall meeting of the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School was held in Alumni Hall, Moses Brown School, on Tenth Month 4th, at ten o'clock. There were present Moses Bailey, Bruce M. Bigelow, George I. Bliss, T. Dwight Boole, Charles F. Brown, Edith L. Buffum, Ruth C. Burgess, Susan L.Dow, Henry C. Foster, Edward L. Macomber, Phebe F. Perry, Alexander C. Purdy, Clerk, Donald B. Snyder, Virginia Townsend, Frances E. Wheeler, Lucia A. Wheeler, Charles H. White, Lyra T. Wolkins, Walter H. Wood. Excuses for absence were received from Richard M. Gummere, Gren O. Pierrel, Margaret G. Sisson, William Webster.

After a period of silence, the Clerk welcomed the new members to the Committee: Ruth Burgess, George Bliss.

Attention was called to the fact that Thomas A. Tripp would celebrate his 92nd birthday on Tenth Month 8th. Charles H. White was asked to prepare a suitable minute, which was signed at the close of the meeting by all those present:

"To Thomas A. Tripp

Our School Committee is now in session. As we record thy absence we want thee to know how much thee is missed.

We are reminded of thy faithfulness in attending school meetings over the years and the value of thy contributions based on a long, varied and unusually successful experience.

We take this opportunity of extending our heartiest greetings and best wishes as thee reaches thy 92nd birthday.

We trust the enclosed verse on "Old Age" may be of interest. While old in years we feel thee is very young in Spirit.

AGE

Age is a quality of mind;
If you've left your dreams behind,
    If Hope is cold,
If you no longer look ahead,
If your ambition's fires are dead,
    Then you are old.

But, - if from Life you take the best
If in Life you keep the zest,
    If Love you hold,
No matter how the years go by,
No matter how the birthdays fly,
    You are not old.

Edward Tuck

Alexander C. Purdy, Clerk
T. Dwight Boole
Henry C. Foster
Susan L. Dow
Charles H. White
Charles F. Brown
Virginia Townsend
Marion S. Cole,Headmistress
Phebe F. Perry
Ruth C. Burgess
George I. Bliss

L. Ralston Thomas, Headmaster
Lyra T. Wolkins
Bruce Bigelow
Frances E. Wheeler
Edward L. Macomber
Walter H. Wood
Moses Bailey
Lucia A. Wheeler
Edith L. Buffum

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The Minutes of the meetings held Fifth Month 3rd at Moses Brown School and Sixth Month 23rd at Andover, Massachusetts, were approved as circulated.

Frances E. Wheeler, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the recommendations for officers and committees for the year 1949-1950. Inasmuch as the Endowment Committee has been inactive for some time, it was agreed that it should be discontinued and its duties assumed by the Executive Committee. With this change the report was approved.

Clerk: Alexander C. Purdy
Assistant Clerk: Donald B. Snyder
Recording Clerk: L. Ralston Thomas
Executive Committee: Gren O. Pierrel, Charles H. White, Thomas A. Tripp, Donald B. Snyder, Lyra T. Wolkins, Edith L. Buffum, Frances E. Wheeler, Bruce M. Bigelow, Alexander C. Purdy, ex-officio.
Trustees of Lincoln School: Moses Bailey, Edith L. Buffum, Susan L. Dow, Edward L. Macomber, Gren O. Pierrel, Alexander C. Purdy, Margaret G. Sisson, Phebe F. Perry, L. Ralston Thomas, Frances E. Wheeler, Lucia A. Wheeler, Charles H. White, Virginia Townsend, Lyra T. Wolkins, Ruth C. Burgess.
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Finance Committee: Thomas A. Tripp, Gren O. Pierrel, Charles H. White, Walter H. Wood.
Scholarship Committee: Frances E. Wheeler, Edith L. Buffum, Marion S. Cole, L. Ralston Thomas.

The Headmaster read his report and in the absence of the Chairman of the Executive Committee, gave a few of the significant figures from the statement of Income and Expenditures for the fiscal year which closed Sixth Month 30th. It was requested that copies be made available to members of the Committee and sent to them with the Minutes.

In accordance with the usual procedure the Budget for the current year is referred to the Executive Committee with power.

There was a discussion of some of the problems of Moses Brown at Grindle Point. Suggestions were made by several members of the Committee and the matter referred to the Executive Committee for its consideration later.

Donald B. Snyder asked if there were available some valid statistical comparisons which might be helpful in providing guides for the future. He made certain specific suggestions which had the approval of the Committee. He and the Headmaster were asked to prepare material for later presentation.

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*Endowment Committee: Thomas A. Tripp, Phebe F. Perry, Charles F. Brown, Edith L. Buffum.

Alexander C. Purdy reported that the Executive Committee had met in executive session to consider plans for the celebration of L. Ralston Thomas' twenty-five years of service as Headmaster. On Twelfth Month 2nd there will be a reception for Editha and Ralston Thomas. The details are now being worked out, and invitations will be issued at the proper time.

Lyra T. Wolkins spoke in appreciation of Dr. Seth K. Gifford's service to Moses Brown School. Due to his foresight in establishing a Lower School unit and in constructing the Lower School Building, he made possible the development of the Day Department and gave the School through it a degree of prosperity which would not have been possible under any other circumstances. She suggested that the Lower School Building be named "Gifford Hall" as a suitable memorial to Dr.and Mrs. Gifford and their contribution to the life of the School. Discussion followed and the Committee unanimously approved the suggestion, and referred to the Executive Committee the matter of a suitable plaque and other details.

Marion S. Cole read the Headmistress' report of the Lincoln School and gave a brief summary of the financial statement of Sixth Month 30th.

There followed a brief discussion of general problems.

Regular meetings will be held this year on Fifth Month 2nd, at Yearly Meeting, and on Tenth Month 3rd. It is understood that a mid-winter meeting may be called by the Clerk if a meeting should appear necessary or desirable.

The meeting adjourned at twelve o'clock.

L Ralston Thomas

Recording Clerk

MOSES BROWN SCHOOL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meetings Held September 26 and November 10, 1949

The Executive Committee of the Moses Brown School held two executive meetings, one on September 26 and the other on November 10, 1949, to consider plans for the observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the service of the Headmaster and to review the general status and progress of the School.

The following actions were taken:

1. Voted to prepare a minute for the October meeting of the School Committee expressing the appreciation of the Committee for the faithful work and achievement of the Headmaster during the past twenty-five years. Frances Wheeler accepted responsibility.

2. Approved the plans for the painting of a portrait of the Headmaster - Edith Buffum to make necessary arrangements.

3. Approved the holding of a public reception in recognition of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the service of L. Ralston Thomas as Headmaster on Friday evening, December 2, 1949. Margaret Sisson accepted chairmanship of a committee to make arrangements.

4. Approved of naming the Lower School Building "Gifford Hall", with suitably inscribed tablet, in honor of the distinguished leadership of Seth Gifford during his period as the Headmaster of the School.

5. Approved a salary increase for L. Ralston Thomas to a year effective October 1, 1949.

6. Approved the appointment of a committee to study the possibilities of further reorganization of the School Committee and the Executive Committee. Donald Snyder agreed to convene the Study Committee and Frances Wheeler accepted membership on the Committee. Others proposed were Bruce Bigelow and William H. Edwards. These four, if agreeing to serve, to select a fifth member for the Committee.

The Executive Committee has before it a request from the American Friends Service Committee that the summer session of the Institute on International Relations be held at Moses Brown School. Subject to consultation with the Headmaster, it was the unanimous opinion of the Committee that it would be impractical to entertain this conference, as the necessary employees for such a conference would not be available at that time.

Prepared by Gren O. Pierrel, Chairman

A meeting of the Executive Committee of Moses Brown School was held in the Headmaster's office Second Month 7, 1950, at 4 P.M. Those present were Edith L. Buffum, Alexander C. Purdy, Donald B. Snyder, Charles H. White, and L. Ralston Thomas.

As there were fewer than a majority of the membership present, no action was taken with respect to a formal organization of the Committee, and the Minutes of the meetings held Ninth Month 26 and Eleventh Month 10 were not read, although reference was made to the items noted therein.

The Headmaster expressed his warm appreciation of the actions which the Committee had taken with respect to the formal reception held Twelfth Month 2, 1949, to the salary arrangement, and to the authorization for a portrait. Edith L. Buffum has arranged with Clarence A. Brodeur of New Haven for the portrait and work has already begun.

Alexander C. Purdy spoke in appreciation of the work of Margaret Sisson and her committee and the several members of the school staff whose work ensured the outstanding success of the reception. He agreed, on behalf of the Committee, to communicate with Margaret G. Sisson, Esther M. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Santee Whitford, Elisabeth G. Weeks, E. Harold Jernquist, Gertrude N. Seidel, and to thank them for their fine work.

The School Budget for the current year as approved by the Finance Committee, was presented, considered, and given formal approval. This budget indicates an income of $278,090., an expenditure (including pension fund) of $294,883., a net operating loss for the year of $16,793.

There followed a discussion of the problems which institutions like Moses Brown now face and the particular problems of the School itself.

Donald B. Snyder reported on the statistical study which he and the Headmaster had made at the request of the School Committee.

It was directed that a copy of this study be sent to each member of the Executive Committee with a covering letter; that, a week or ten days before the spring meeting of the School Committee, the same material (less page three) be sent to all other members. These figures are interesting and encouraging, although they point up some of the financial problems which the School must face.

The statement of income and expenditures, and the budget comparison for the period Seventh Month 1, 1949 - Twelfth Month 3, 1949, and the cash account for the same period was submitted. This indicates an increase of approximately $1,000 in income and a decrease of approximately $1,000 in expenditures over the budget figures for the period.

The attention of the Committee was called to a Minute of the Providence Monthly Meeting First Month 8, 1950, and presented at the Narragansett Quarterly Meeting First Month 21, 1950. It was directed that copies of this Minute be sent to all members of the School Committee and that the Clerk of the Monthly Meeting be informed that this action had been taken.

Approval was given to the support for another summer of the School's project at Grindle Point, Maine. The Committee will guarantee an amount not to exceed $2500. with the understanding that if, by a reasonable date before the scheduled opening, there are not enough prospects for an enrollment sufficient to cover ordinary summer expenses, the program will not be carried out this year.

Consideration was given a request of Ruth Burgess for a winter meeting of the Committee when there might be an opportunity to make the acquaintance of the faculty. It was agreed that this would be an advantage to the Committee and to the faculty, but action was postponed to the meeting of the general Committee in the spring.

A number of other items were discussed informally, and the Headmaster reported on certain activities of the School.

Inasmuch as there was not a quorum present, it is hoped that other members of the Executive Committee will be willing to express their approval of the actions taken, so that these may be confirmed at the next meeting.

Adjourned.

Recording Clerk

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of Moses Brown School held in the Headmaster's office fifth day Fourth Month 20th 1950 at 4 P.M. the following were present: Alexander C. Purdy, Donald B. Snyder, Thomas A. Tripp, Charles H. White, Lyra T. Wolkins, and L. Ralston Thomas. Excuses for absence were received from: Bruce M. Bigelow, Edith L. Buffum, Gren O. Pierrel, Frances E. Wheeler.

Alexander C. Purdy was appointed chairman pro tem.

Following a discussion of committee organization, it was agreed that this matter should have further study. Approval was given to another meeting of this committee with this subject as one of the main items of business. The meeting will be held second day Fifth Month 1st, at 7 P.M. at the School.

The Statement of Income and Expenditures compared with the Budget for the period 7/1/49 - 3/31/50 and the Cash Account for the same period were presented. It was noted that substantial improvement had been made during the year and it is hoped that a considerable part of this improvement can be maintained.

The re-registration of present pupils and the enrollment of new pupils has been most encouraging. It appears that in both Upper and Lower Schools there is likely to be a full enrollment with an overall total somewhat larger than the current year.

The statistical material requested at the fall meeting is now ready and will be presented to the Committee in Fifth Month by Donald B. Snyder. Before that time, copies of the first two sheets with totals inserted on the financial sheet will be sent to each member of the Committee.

A copy of the Minute adopted by the Providence Monthly Meeting in First Month has been sent to all members of the School Committee. After some discussion it was agreed that at the School Committee meeting consideration should be given to this Minute, that it should be acknowledged to the

Clerk of the Providence Monthly Meeting, and possibly a small committee should be appointed by the Clerk to consult with the committee which prepared the Minute.

The Headmaster informed the committee that he had appointed Basil G. Meserve to the position now occupied by Oliver J. B. Henderson when the latter retires at the end of the School year. This appointment had the full approval of all present.

In connection with Oliver J. B. Henderson's retirement it was agreed there should be Committee recognition of his long term of service to the School. Alexander C. Purdy and L. Ralston Thomas (with power to add to their number) will appoint a committee to make recommendations to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

It was reported that the portrait of the Headmaster authorized by the Committee in the fall, had been completed, and would be shown at the meeting of the School Committee on the 2nd. When approved, there should be specific authorization for the payment of the artist. This matter was referred to the meeting of the Executive Committee to be held on the first, at which time arrangements will be made.

Since the installation of our present coal-burning equipment at government request during the war, there has been a tremendous increase in the cost of coal. At present costs of oil and coal, a substantial saving can be made by the installation of oil-burning equipment under one boiler. The Committee agreed that this probably would be a good investment. The Headmaster was directed to secure specific figures for presentation at the next meeting. At that time also, the additional information about the vacuum and water pump will be available.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

L Ralston Thomas
Recording Clerk

The Executive Committee of Moses Brown School met in the Headmaster's Office Fifth Month 1st, 1950, at 7:00 P.M. There were present Bruce M. Bigelow, Edith L. Buffum, Alexander C. Purdy, Donald B. Snyder, Frances E. Wheeler, Charles H. White, and L. Ralston Thomas. Regrets for absence were received from Gren O. Pierrel, Thomas A. Tripp, and Lyra T. Wolkins.

Alexander C. Purdy was appointed Chairman pro tem. The Minutes of the meeting held Fourth Month 20, 1950, were approved as circulated.

In order to provide cash for necessary expenses during the summer, the following Minute was approved:

> "We hereby authorize the Headmaster of Moses Brown School to borrow from the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends Board of Managers of Investments and Permanent Funds such sums not exceeding Twenty Thousand Dollars as may be needed for summer expenses."

The portrait of the Headmaster authorized in Ninth Month has now been completed. When it hasbeen approved and accepted by the School Committee, payment should be made to Clarence A. Brodeur, the artist. Portrait and frame will cost $1059.42. Authorization is hereby given to use for this purpose income now available in the Moses Brown Special Funds.

Approval was given to the request of James A. Coney to hold at Moses Brown School in Ninth Month a conference of workers of New York and New England Yearly Meetings. It is understood that the meetings will be held beginning Ninth Month 11 and concluding Ninth Month 13. The School will provide for forty-five to sixty workers who will pay their own board and lodging.

The attorneys report that no agreement hasbeen reached as to the disposition of the accumulating surplus in the account of the Walter R. Jones Estate. The attorneys have had many conferences but it now appearsthat the case will have to be tried in the Superior Court, before a definite decision can be reached.

At the time the Headmaster informed the Committee of the appointment of Basil G. Meserve to the position now occupied by Oliver J. B. Henderson, no mention was made of title. It is the opinion of this Committee that Basil G. Meserve should for the present be given the title of Senior Master.

There was a discussion of the means by which the Committee's action in naming the Lower School Building "Gifford Hall" could be effectively implemented. No decision was reached. The matter will be considered at a later meeting.

With the retirement of Oliver James Barton Henderson after thirty-six years' service at Moses Brown School, the School Committee should show some fitting recognition of its appreciation. It is proposed that a resolution be drawn up, properly inscribed, and presented to him at the Commencement Exercises in Sixth Month. The Headmaster and Alexander C. Purdy are authorized to proceed with this.

There was further discussion of the proposal to install oil-burning equipment to replace coal in the operation of our boilers. The Committee favors this change, but it is recommended that the matter be given further study before final decisions are made. A report should be available at the next meeting of this Committee.

There was a general discussion of a number of the problems which the School faces in the not-distant future. The statistical study has pointed up some of these problems, and it is recognized that a general survey should be made of the whole situation.

Donald B. Snyder and Frances E. Wheeler have been appointed a committee with power to add to its number, to study the relationship of the School Committee to the Yearly Meeting and to the parents and alumni of the School. They should be prepared to report to the School Committee in Tenth Month.

Adjourned at 10:00 P.M. L Ralston Thomas

(Signed) L. Ralston Thomas

Recording Clerk

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MOSES BROWN SCHOOL
PROVIDENCE, R.I.
L. RALSTON THOMAS, HEADMASTER

To the Committee in Charge of Moses Brown School:

Before proceeding with the report, the Headmaster would like to express to the Committee his and Editha Thomas' appreciation for the Reception held Twelfth Month 2nd, in celebration of his twenty-five years as headmaster of the School. More than 700 alumni and friends of the School attended, in spite of a number of conflicting engagements and very bad weather, and many of them stayed through the whole evening. We are grateful to every one who had a part in a celebration which we shall never forget.

This year we have been blessed by an outstanding senior class, interesting boys who have been concerned not only with their own affairs but with every phase of the School's life. In academic ability it is an average group; in citizenship it is superior, and it has had the advantage of exceptional leadership. To speak simply of "school spirit" is to limit the interest which the class hashad. In conversations and in conferences with the Headmaster and with members of the faculty, they have shown themselves to be aware of individual and group problems. Many constructive suggestions have come from them, and a number of the leaders have made themselves responsible for and have had considerable success in assisting individuals to become better school citizens. It is a rare privilege to work with such a mature and forward-looking group. They have had a great influence for good in the School.

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L. RALSTON THOMAS, HEADMASTER

Oliver James Barton Henderson Retirement - During the life of any institution there are, from time to time, significant changes. The School facesone of these at the end of the present term. Oliver James Barton Henderson will retire in Sixth Month, after thirty-six years' association with the School. From 1914 until 1946 he was Senior Master, Acting Headmaster in 1946-47, and for the last three years, Assistant Headmaster.

The influence he has had in shaping the policies of the School and in forming the character of literally hundreds of boys with whom he has been associated, cannot be overestimated. Young people are directed not only by what teachers and parents say, but by what they think - what they, in fact, are. In teaching, more is often accomplished by indirection than by precept. "Jit" will always be remembered with affection by his boys and colleagues, and with appreciation by every one interested in Moses Brown.

On Fourth Month 28th he was the guest of honor at a dinner given by the Alumni. More than 250 attended, some of them from distances. It was a wonderful tribute to a man who has devoted more than half his life to the service of boys at Moses Brown.

Basil G. Meserve has been appointed Senior Master. He is a Friend, a member of the North Berwick Meeting. He came to Moses Brown in 1935 as a teacher of English, and excepting for two years during the War, on leave of absence in Civilian Public Service, has been continuously a member

of the faculty. In recent years he has been Student Adviser, has had full charge of the details of college admission, and has had considerable administrative responsibility. He is well equipped by character, training, experience, and personality for this important position.

Staff Replacements - Fortunately there will be few changes in staff. In the Upper School there will be three new men. One of our present teachers has resigned because of responsibilities at home. A second man has been on temporary appointment. Our Biology teacher, Mrs. Eleanore B. Monahon, has done outstanding work in that subject, but she has been on a part-time basis and it is necessary to have a full-time man who can share the regular responsibilities of the extra-class activities.

In the Lower School, three new assistants will replace those who have resigned.

The dietitian, Marian L. Shaw, left us the first of the year to accept a position at Brown University. Charlotte M. Young was appointed to take her place. She is an experienced dietitian and has done well in a difficult job.

On Third Month 11th Mrs. Lillian Affleck, a member of the service staff in the dining room, was stricken while at work and died within a few hours. She had been employed by the School for several years and her death was a shock to all who knew her.

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Health - During the year the School has had a curious health record. For a few days immediately after the Christmas holidays there was one boy in the Infirmary with a cold; at the end of the month another boy was in for a few days. Except for those two bed patients, the Infirmary was clear throughout the month. From that time until the spring holiday the Infirmary worked almost to capacity, and many of the boys were quite ill with extremely high temperatures. In the day school there were also many absences with what the doctors called a virus influenza. Several members of the staff were also stricken. The acute stage of this illness usually lasted only a few days, but it took some time to recover from its effects. The illness did not reach the proportions of an epidemic in School but it was serious. There are even now occasional cases.

Activities - It has been a year of many activities, some of which deserve special mention. The four independent schools of Providence presented a joint concert at the Lincoln School on Second Month 19th before a large and enthusiastic audience, repeating their success of last year. In Third Month, at the close of the winter term, the combined dramatic and glee clubs of the Moses Brown and Lincoln Schools, under the direction of Editha M. Thomas, gave three performances of The Mikado. The Schools have a well-deserved reputation for their Gilbert and Sullivan performances, and this was no exception.

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MOSES BROWN SCHOOL
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L. RALSTON THOMAS, HEADMASTER

In the recent Science Fair, open to all secondary school students in Rhode Island, the four Moses Brown entries all won prizes: two first prizes, one second, and a third.

Five Moses Brown boys and a master participated in a radio "school of the air" program over WPTL. Each told something of the School and of his own interests. In the group were Martin Arabian from Venezuela, and Leopold Chen, a Chinese boy in the Lower School.

In the National Preparatory School Track and Field Championships held at Madison Square Garden, New York City, on Second Month 18th, six Moses Brown boys won four bronze medals, one national title (in the high jump), and eleven points and fifth place in the Meet.

Under the sponsorship of the Parents' Council, a square dance was held in Alumni Hall the evening before Washington's Birthday. This was attended by 300 boys and girls. It was a most enjoyable evening filled with loud excitement and mad activity.

The Parents Council hasbeen active also in its support of the clothing and book exchanges held during the year. These exchanges which have been received by the patrons of the School with great enthusiasm, will doubtless become regular events in the Council's program.

The Council also provided the Camera Club with a substantial gift of money toward the purchase of a fine enlarger for its laboratory. This club, now consisting of

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twenty-seven members, is proving to be an active and useful organization. It has had one excellent exhibition in the dining room and is planning another for Father and Son Day on Fifth Month 12th.

Through the Good Will and Community Funds, the American Friends Service Committee, the Red Cross, and in other special projects the boys of both the Upper and Lower Schools and the faculty have continued to give excellent support to enterprises designed to help lessfortunate people at home and abroad. We are continuing our affiliation with a German School but this program has not developed as effectively as we had hoped it would.

Many members of the staff are active in community, educational, and other organizations.

Samuel H. Waughtel has been elected Vice President of the New England Preparatory Schools Athletic Council. Theodore S. Whitford is President of the New England Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association. Arthur W. Cate is chairman of the National French Contest, Rhode Island Chapter, of the American Association of Teachers of French.

On the eighteenth of Twelfth Month, Phyllis Schatz and Barbara O'Donnell, Lower School teachers, participated in a Friendship Hall Forum on the Subject, "The Practice of Brotherhood between races and religions here." These teachers also have been leaders in the Campaign to substitute body-building and constructive play materials for the destructive toys now so prevalent.

Editha M. Thomas has been campaign chairman for the Community Concerts Association, and is a member of its program committee. She is a member of the Board of Managers of the Players, and of the Board of Governors of the English Speaking Union.

The Reading Program in the Lower School continues to have the enthusiastic support of the teachers. Until it has been in operation ayear, we shall not have definite comparative scores for you, but it is generally agreed that the results to this time amply justify the experiment.

Maintenance - In Second Month there was a break in the water main between the main building and the barn, near the kitchen door. An effort was made to effect temporary repairs, but the old iron pipe was in such bad condition that the patch did not hold. A further complication was the fact that there was no record of the exact location of the pipe except where it could be seen. It was finally decided that the only satisfactory solution was to lay a new main, and this was done. Heavy copper tubing now runs from the kitchen to the power house via the tunnel. It connects with the lines to the gymnasium and the cottage, with branches to the alumni hall wing and the service dormitory in the barn. Shut-offs were installed on all branches and we can now control individual units east of the kitchen, and the mains are accessible at all times. We were able to do this work with our own staff at a materials cost of approximately $265.00

During the war the government, on very short notice, required us to shift from oil to coal for the operation of our boilers. We have continued to use coal since that time in spite of the greatly increased cost. As our oil storage capacity is limited, the ability to stock pile coal has been an important consideration. On the other hand, it has been necessary to have three shiftsof licensed firemen. In the meantime, coal has advanced in price from $7.28 per ton in First Month 1943 to $11.91 today. Oil is now substantially cheaper per heating unit than coal. A study is being made to determine whether it is possible to use oil for one boiler and to have semi-automatic operation for a considerable portion of the year. Although it probably will be necessary to have licensed firemen available, they could be used for other work and there would be a saving in labor costs as well asin fuel. A report on this will be available soon.

Enrollment - The enrollment for next year is progressing satisfactorily. Counting a few re-registration cards not yet in but expected, the totals asof today are Upper School 208, Lower School 175. The enrollment this year is 215 and 171 respectively. This is probably as good a showing as we have had at this time in the year, and it would appear that we shall have a full school in the fall. The Committee will be interested to know that for next year the Pre-Primary, which this year numbers twelve, is completely full, and for 1951-52 there are already twelve applications. We have applications on file for this group for 1955!

Walter R. Jones Estate - No agreement has been reached as to the disposition of the accumulated funds in this account. The attorneys have had many conferences but it appears now that the case will have to be tried before the Superior Court.

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In the Upper School for this year we established a maximum of 215 students, and accepted that number. It seemed to us that the additional half a dozen of the year before created certain problems in the schoolroom. In view of the financial situation, however, if we have qualified candidates, it isprobable that we shall accept up to 220. Among our students are many whose parents require some financial assistance. Frequently they are among our most desirable boys. These requests for assistance tend to increase in number. The amount which we grant is smaller than in many schools, and yet in total it amounts to a substantial sum. If the School is to fulfill its obligation to the children of Friends and to othersin the lower income groups, we should be prepared to provide whatever additional funds are necessary.

Statistical Report - At the request of the Committee in Tenth Month, a statistical study hasbeen made of some significant factors in the School's operations in the last quarter century. The periods covered, Pre-Depression, Pre-War, Post-War, were selected to give a fair sampling and to show trends. Donald B. Snyder, who will make the report, suggested the groupings. The results are interesting and helpful, and justify the considerable work involved in preparation.

Financial - At the beginning of this year the Finance Committee approved a budget which, after adjustments for improvements, showed a probable excess of expenditures over income, of $16,793.00.

The situation has improved steadily during the year, and if the improvement continues, we shall have a deficit of approximately $10,000.00 A single item of this kind is not in itself serious, but if it is to be a recurrent problem, then some solution must be found.

In spite of certain leveling off, there is every indication that some costs will continue to increase. Wages for service and restaurant employees are moving up again. It is increasingly difficult to secure people who are willing to work broken time. Teachers' salaries, especially at the lower level, are on the increase. All phases of maintenance, material, and labor (especially the latter) seem inclined to go higher. It is not my intention to paint a gloomy picture, but here are practical problems which all privately endowed institutions are facing, and they merit our most earnest consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

L Ralston Thomas
Headmaster

A regular meeting of the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School was held in Alumni Hall, Moses Brown School, Fifth Month 2, 1950. The meeting was called to order by the Clerk, Alexander C. Purdy, at 10:00 A.M. The following were present: Moses Bailey, George I. Bliss, Charles F. Brown, Edith L. Buffum, Ruth C. Burgess, Henry C. Foster, Edward L. Macomber, Phebe F. Perry, Alexander C. Purdy, Margaret G.Sisson, Donald B. Snyder, Virginia Townsend, Thomas A. Tripp, Frances E. Wheeler, Lucia A. Wheeler, Charles H. White, Lyra T. Wolkins, Walter H. Wood. Excuses for absence were received from Bruce M. Bigelow, T. Dwight Boole, Richard M. Gummere.

Following the period of silence and the roll call, the Minutes of the meeting held Tenth Month 4th, 1949, were approved as circulated.

Marion S. Cole submitted the Headmistress' report and gave a brief statement as to the Lincoln School's financial situation. Ralston Thomas gave the report of Moses Brown School, excerpts from the meetings of the Executive Committee, and commented on the financial situation.

The new portrait of the Headmaster was on view in Alumni Hall. It was approved by the Committee and formally accepted. The consensus was that the artist, Clarence A.Brodeur, had been most successful. It is a good portrait.

The Committee notes with satisfaction the success of the reception for the Headmaster and Editha Thomas held at the School Twelfth Month 2, 1949.

The Minute prepared by Frances E. Wheeler at the request of the Executive Committee is hereby approved. It is directed that this be spread on the minutes of this committee and included in the Yearly Meeting report.

> Resolved: that the Moses Brown and Lincoln School Committee record its appreciation of the twenty-five years of efficient service given to the School by L. Ralston Thomas. During this period he has maintained the high scholastic standards which have enabled almost 100% of the graduates to enter leading colleges and universities. His breadth of outlook has been reflected in the interest which the boys have shown in community welfare at home and overseas. The school faculty has profited by his sympathetic and

inspiring leadership. The school property has been well maintained and improved. His active participation in the educational affairs of the city and state, in the Quaker Headmasters and the Headmasters Associations is highly valued. His modest strength of character has been an invaluable asset to the School and to the successive generations of boys who have profited by his unfailing friendship and wise guidance.

The Minute of the Providence Monthly Meeting of First Month 8, 1950 had been, by direction of the Executive Committee, sent to all members of this Committee. After a brief discussion, the Clerk, Alexander C. Purdy, called attention to the fact that the Executive Committee had under appointment a committee consisting of Donald B. Snyder and Frances E. Wheeler, with power to add to its number, to study the relationship of the School Committee to the Yearly Meeting and to the parents and alumni of the School. Charles H. White recommended that at the fall meeting this sub-committee be prepared, in the light of their findings, to lead a discussion on this subject. In order to provide adequate time, the Headmaster and Headmistress are requested to make brief oral reports at that meeting, informing the Committee only on essential matters. The Clerk is to use his discretion in selecting only necessary other business for presentation. The greater portion of the time of the meeting will thereby be available for discussion in which all can participate. These recommendations had the full approval of the Committee.

The recommendation of the Executive Committee with respect to a resolution on Oliver James Barton Henderson's long service to the School was approved. "It is proposed that a resolution be drawn up, properly inscribed, and presented to him at the Commencement Exercises in Sixth Month. The Headmaster and Alexander C. Purdy are authorized to proceed with this."

The Nominating Committee presented the following names and suggested that they be recommended to the Nominating Committee of the Yearly Meeting for appointment to the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School.

For three years: Charles F. Brown, Edith L. Buffum, Henry C. Foster, Gren O. Pierrel, Thomas A. Tripp, Frances E. Wheeler, Lyra T. Wolkins.
For one year: Mary Hoxie Jones to replace Lucia A. Wheeler who is resigning.
In case other vacancies should occur, the Committee suggests the names of Marjorie Williams, Willard H. Ware.

The Committee approved the recommendations and the names are to be forwarded to the Nominating Committee of the Yearly Meeting.

Lucia Wheeler requested that she not be continued as a member of the School Committee. The Clerk spoke for the Committee in expressing regret at this decision, but it was agreed to accede to her request. The Recording Clerk was directed to write to Lucia Wheeler, express appreciation for her years of service to the School and regret that she does not feel able to continue.

Attention was called to the fact that although the Headmaster and Headmistress make formal reports for Moses Brown School and Lincoln respectively, there has not been in recent years a report of the Committee as such. It is recommended that the Clerk present a report for the School Committee and then introduce the reports of the Schools.

There was a brief discussion of the desirability of having a mid-winter meeting of the Committee in 1951. There was no decision. The question will be raised again at the meeting in Tenth Month.

The statistical study prepared at the request of the School Committee at its meeting in Tenth Month has been sent to all members previous to this meeting. Donald B. Snyder, chairman of the sub-committee, discussed the significance of these figures and indicated some of the important questions which are raised by them. His thought-provoking comments relate directly to the broad questions which are to be studied and which will be discussed at the meeting on Tenth Month 3rd.

Adjourned at 12 noon.

L Ralston Thomas
(Signed) L. Ralston Thomas
Recording Clerk

MOSES BROWN SCHOOL
PROVIDENCE, R. I.
L. RALSTON THOMAS, HEADMASTER

COPY OF EMBOSSED RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO
OLIVER JAMES BARTON HENDERSON AT THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
ON JUNE 8th, 1950
RESOLUTION SIGNED BY ALEXANDER C. PURDY AS CHAIRMAN OF
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
PRESENTED BY DONALD B. SNYDER FOR THE COMMITTEE

OLIVER JAMES BARTON HENDERSON

Teacher, Administrator, Friend

These thirty-six years you have devoted yourself with singleness of heart and mind to the youth of Moses Brown, preparing them for full and useful lives.

Fortunate indeed is this school that you came at its call to familiar and delightful scenes where your roots go so deep, near your birthplace, Bristol, and your college, Brown.

With inspired understanding and humor you have won the love and loyalty of hundreds of those who have had the rare privilege of sitting at your feet.

And now you welcome retirement with the zest of a young man, eager for the high adventure of an active and interesting future.

The Moses Brown School Committee is deeply grateful for your long and distinguished service to this school and joins your many friends in their fervent hope that the years ahead may bring you abundant joy.

MOSES BROWN SCHOOL
PROVIDENCE, R. I.
L RALSTON THOMAS, HEADMASTER

To the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends
the School Committee presents its 131st annual report

MOSES BROWN SCHOOL

It has been the School's good fortune to have this year an outstanding senior class, interesting boys who have been concerned not only with their own affairs but with every phase of the School's life. In academic ability it is an average group. In citizenship it is superior and it has had the advantage of exceptional leadership. To speak simply of "school spirit" is to limit the interest which the class has had. Many constructive suggestions have come from the boys, and the leaders have made themselves responsible for and have had considerable success in assisting individual students to become better school citizens. It is a rare privilege to work with such a mature and forward-looking group. The class has had a great influence for good in the School.

During the life of any institution there are, from time to time, significant changes. The School faces one of these at the end of the present term. Oliver James Barton Henderson retires this month after thirty-six years' association with the School. From 1914 until 1946 he was Senior Master, Acting Headmaster in 1946-47, and Assistant Headmaster for the last three years. The influence he has had in forming the character of literally hundreds of boys with whom he has been associated cannot be over-estimated. He will always be

remembered with affection by his boys and colleagues, and with appreciation by every one associated with Moses Brown. On Fourth Month 28 he was the guest of honor at a dinner given by the Alumni. More than 250 attended, some of them from distances. It was a wonderful tribute to a man who has devoted more than half his life to the service of boys at Moses Brown. A month before school closed he was honored by the Faculty at a dinner.

Basil G. Meserve has been appointed Senior Master. He is a Friend, a member of the North Berwick Meeting. He came to Moses Brown in 1935 as a teacher of English, and, excepting for two years during the war when he was on leave of absence in Civilian Public Service, he has been continuously a member of the faculty. In recent years he has been Student Adviser, has had full charge of the details of college admission, and has had considerable administrative responsibility. He is well equipped by character, training, experience, and personality for this important job.

The total enrollment for the year was somewhat under last year's:

Upper School 217
Lower School 173 } (77 boys as resident students)

In the Pre-Primary group there were twelve boys as compared with eighteen of the year before. This was due in part to raising the minimum age from 4½ to 5 years. There is a full registration in this class for next year and applications for 1951 already exceed this year's enrollment.

There were relatively few changes in the faculty.

The reading project begun last spring throughout the Lower School continues to have the hearty support of the teachers. Boys were assigned to reading groups without regard for their normal class placement in other subjects. Comparative scores are not yet available, but it is generally agreed that both in quantity and quality the reading in the elementary school has shown a definite improvement. In connection with this project, eight teachers went to Boston University one afternoon a week during the first semester to attend an improvement of reading clinic. This is one of the outstanding clinics of the country. The School is most fortunate to have on its faculty so many experienced teachers who have the enthusiasm to undertake a program of this kind involving, as it does, considerable time, effort, and expense.

The general maintenance - painting, papering, and routine repairs - does not vary a great deal from year to year. There are each year, however, certain special projects, and an effort is made to include some definite improvement in plant and equipment. The list for last summer is as follows:

Exterior Painting - Front and West end of main building
Alumni Hall
Studio

Interior Painting - Three Intermediate Classrooms in
main building redecorated and new
lighting installed in II Intermediate
Classroom
Alumni Hall
East Dining Room
Boiler Room
Gymnasium Locker Rooms

Refinishing - - - All classroom desks in Lower School
Classroom chairs in Upper School

Service Dormitory - New bathroom
New beds throughout

Equipment - - - Two dozen dining room chairs

New Refrigerating System - Retaining old "walk in" boxes
Former iceplant room refinished for storage

Repairs and Renewals - New cement loading platform at basement entrance and some new walks
Board track rebuilt
New roof and flashings on Alumni Hall Wing and repairs to other sections of roof on Main Building

It has been a year of many activities, some of which deserve special mention. The four independent schools of Providence presented a joint concert at Lincoln School on Second Month 19th before a large and enthusiastic audience, repeating their success of last year. In Third Month, at the close of the winter term, the combined dramatic and glee clubs of Moses Brown and Lincoln, under the direction of Editha M. Thomas, gave three performances of The Mikado. The Schools have a well-deserved reputation for their Gilbert and Sullivan performances, and this was no exception. In the Science Fair, held in Fourth Month, open to all secondary school students in Rhode Island, the four Moses Brown entries all won prizes: two first prizes, one second, and a third. Five Moses Brown boys and a master participated in a radio "school of the air" program over WPTL. Each told something of the School and of his own interests. In the group were a French boy from

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Venezuela and a Chinese student of the Lower School.

In the National Preparatory School Track and Field Championships held at Madison Square Garden, New York City, Second Month 18th, six Moses Brown boys won four bronze medals, one national title (in the high jump), and eleven points and fifth place in the Meet.

The Parents Council has continued its support of the clothing and book exchanges held during the year. These exchanges, which have been received by the patrons of the School with great enthusiasm will doubtless become regular events in the Council's program. The Council also provided the Camera Club with a substantial gift of money toward the purchase of a fine enlarger for its laboratory. This relatively new club, now consisting of twenty-seven members, is proving to be an active and useful school organization. It has had two excellent exhibitions in the Dining Room.

Through the Good Will and Community Funds, the American Friends Service Committee, the Red Cross, and in other special projects, the boys of both Upper and Lower Schools and the faculty have continued to give excellent support to the enterprises designed to help less fortunate people at home and abroad.

Many members of the staff are active in community, educational and other organizations. Samuel H. Waughtel has been elected Vice President of the New England Preparatory Schools Athletic Council. Theodore S. Whitford is President

of the New England Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association. Arthur W. Cate is chairman of the National French Contest, Rhode Island Chapter, of the American Association of Teachers of French. In Twelfth Month Phyllis Schatz and Barbara O'Donnell, Lower School teachers, participated in a Friendship Hall Forum on the subject, "The Practice of Brotherhood between races and religions here." These teachers also have been leaders in the campaign to substitute body-building and constructive play materials for the destructive toys now so prevalent.

During the year the School has received gifts of money, books, and other items. Of especial interest to all visitors to the School is a fine oil painting of Notre Dame, presented through the Merci Train by the City of Paris and the Department of the Seine to the State of Rhode Island. This is in recognition of the contribution which the School has made in fostering understanding and good will between the people of France and the United States. We are most grateful for these tangible evidences of the good will of our friends everywhere.

At the meeting in Tenth Month, the Committee named the Lower School building Gifford Hall, as a memorial to Dr. and Mrs. Gifford and their contribution to the life of the School. Due to Dr. Gifford's foresight in establishing a Lower School unit and in constructing a Lower School building he made possible the development of the day department, thereby broadening the influence of the School and giving it a degree of prosperity which would not have been possible under any other circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,
for the Committee, L Ralston Thomas
Headmaster

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At a meeting of the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School held during Yearly Meeting at Andover, Massachusetts, the following were present: Alexander C. Purdy, Clerk, Moses Bailey, Ruth C. Burgess, Phebe F. Perry, Margaret G. Sisson, Donald B. Snyder, Frances E. Wheeler.

The Scholarship Committee reported that $3465 was available to this Committee. Lincoln School received $2021.25, Moses Brown School, $1443.75. Marion Cole presented the list of candidates for Lincoln School and the amounts recommended. Ralston Thomas reported on the Moses Brown School list.

Moses Brown School

Friends	
Burgess, Robert S., Jr.	$ 50.00
Dexter, John A.	200.00
Gifford, Cameron E.	200.00
Oppenheimer, Ernest	100.00
Simpson, Robert V., Jr.	50.00
Smith, Carl W.	100.00
Smith, Stuart P.	300.00
White, Kenneth B., Jr.	50.00

Non-Friends	
Hetherington, John M., Jr.	193.95
Vanderhoop, John O.	200.00

Lincoln School

Totah, Joy	$400.00
Totah, Sibyl	400.00
Burgess, Joan	70.00
Burgess, Marjorie	70.00
Cool, Ann	70.00
Hutton, Richard	70.00
Hutton, Christine	70.00
Smith, Carol Ann	81.25
Dale, Beverly	350.00
Gifford, Cynthia	300.00
Smith, Joyce	70.00

Following an explanation of the system used by the Committee in distributing the funds available, these recommendations were approved. Although the reports of the two schools had been sent to the Central Office for printing, they had not been formally approved by the School Committee. It was agreed that the reports were satisfactory.

Alexander C. Purdy outlined the plan which he proposed to follow in presenting the school reports.

The actions of the Executive Committee at the meeting held earlier in the day were discussed and approved.

L Ralston Thomas

Recording Clerk

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At a meeting of the Executive Committee of Moses Brown School called for five o'clock Six Month 22nd at Andover Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, the following were present: Edith L. Buffum, Alexander C. Purdy, Donald B. Snyder, Frances E. Wheeler, L. Ralston Thomas. Alexander Purdy was appointed chairman pro tem.

Since a quorum was not present, the questions raised were discussed informally. The decisions reached were tentative and the Recording Clerk was directed to communicate with the other members of the Committee for their opinions.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee in Fifth Month there was a discussion of the proposal to install oil-burning equipment to replace coal in the operation of our boilers. The Committee favored this change but it was recommended that the matter be given further study before final decisions were made.

It is now recommended that automatic oil-burning equipment be installed in both our No. 1 and No. 2 boilers. Three estimates for this work were presented and after considerable discussion those present agreed that we should accept the bid of Lincoln & Lane of $6750 for the complete installation. This is for an automatic Johnson oil burner. The storage tank which we now have will be used and the new connections will be made to it. The burners will use No. 6 (Bunker C) fuel oil.

Several of these installations have been seen (one being at the Pawtucket Memorial Hospital) and the owners report complete satisfaction with the equipment and the service. This equipment should make a considerable saving both in fuel cost and in labor.

It was agreed also that the Improvement Fund should be used to pay for the new equipment, and recommended that, if possible, the income from the Improvement Fund should be used to replace the capital expenditure.

Excepting for the oil-burning equipment, the work at

School this summer will be confined to ordinary maintenance repair and replacement. It would appear that the only other job of any size will be the pointing up of the power house chimney. It is estimated that this cost will run between $600 and $1000. As it is a necessary maintenance project it has the approval of those present.

After informal discussion of general school matters, the **Committee** adjourned.

Since the meeting the following members of the Executive Committee have also expressed approval of the actions above: Bruce M. Bigelow, Thomas A. Tripp, Charles H. White, Lyra T. Wolkins.

L Ralston Thomas
Recording Clerk